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Sonia Sotomayor takes the oath from Chief Justice John Roberts in Washington on Saturday to become the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice. She is joined by her brother, Juan Luis Sotomayor, and her mother, Celina Sotomayor.

## Sotomayor is sworn in as justice

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in Saturday as the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice and only third female member in the top U.S. court's 220-year history.

She is President Barack Obama's first appointment to the influential court, which has shaped many of the country's laws on polarizing issues like abortion and the death penalty. As a successor to liberal Justice David Souter, who retired, she is not expected to alter the nine-member court's ideological balance.

Sotomayor took the second of two oaths of office Saturday from Chief Justice John Roberts in an ornate conference room beneath a portrait of the legendary Chief Justice John Marshall. Her left hand resting on a Bible that was held by her mother, Celina, Sotomayor pledged to "do equal right to the poor and to the rich."

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## Health care debate turns hostile

By DINA CAPIELLO  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As they head home to their congressional districts for the August recess, American lawmakers who support health care reform are bracing for protests and demonstrations that threaten to turn violent.

In North Carolina, a congressman who backs overhauling health care had his life threatened by a caller upset that he was not holding a public forum on the proposal.

Democratic Rep. Brad Miller received the call Monday, one of hundreds the congressman's office has fielded demanding town hall meetings on the health care proposal, said his spokeswoman, LuAnn Canipe. She said the callers were "trying to

instigate town halls so they can show up and disrupt."

"We had one of those kind of calls that escalated to what we considered a threat" on the congressman's life, Canipe said Friday. "These are some strong-arm tactics, and we are trying to deal with and trying to talk to people in good faith about health care reform."

In the week since the House began its break, several town hall meetings have been disrupted by noisy demonstrators.

The latest occurrence was at back-to-back town hall meetings held by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., which got so raucous police had to escort people out.

Dingell vowed Friday to push ahead with Democratic-led efforts to extend coverage to all, saying he won't be in-

timidated by protesters.

"I am eager to talk about the bill with anyone who wants to discuss it. That doesn't open the door to everyone who wants to demagogue the discussion," Dingell said in a statement.

The boos, jeers and shouts of "Shame on you!" at the events in a gym in Romulus, Mich., mirror what other Democrats are encountering around the country.

In Saratoga Springs, N.Y., about 20 protesters showed up at an event held by Democratic Rep. Scott Murphy to let him know they oppose the health care plans in Washington. They carried signs saying: "Obamacare Seniors beware! Rationing is here," and "If socialized medicine is best ... why didn't Ted Kennedy go to Canada?"

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"I have forgotten that today is the anniversary. I wake up every morning thinking how to feed my family of three."

— Hla Maung, a 52-year-old trishaw driver, on the 21st anniversary of Myanmar's bloodiest pro-democracy protests

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# Sonia Sotomayor's next steps

## Learning the ropes at court no small task

By MARK SHERMAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sonia Sotomayor has gained admission to the Marble Palace. Now she has to figure out how the Supreme Court works.

When do you speak up? How do you find your way around a building torn apart by renovation? If someone knocks at the door while the justices are meeting in their private conference room, who answers? (Note to the newest justice: You do.)

After 17 years as a federal judge, Sotomayor knows her way around a courthouse. But her new workplace, filled with quirky customs and rituals, isn't any old court building and new justices, like new colleagues everywhere, want to fit in.

Sotomayor, 55, became the court's first Hispanic and third woman after taking an oath of office Saturday from Chief Justice John Roberts.

For all the groundbreaking nature of her nomination, the most significant demographic fact about Sotomayor now is that she is the junior justice.

Other than opening the conference room door, Sotomayor will



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Sonia Sotomayor arrives to be sworn in as the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice and only the third woman in the court's 220-year history in Washington on Saturday.

be responsible for taking notes on what the justices decide at those private meetings and then reporting the decisions accurately to the court clerk.

"She'll be keeping track of what goes on at conference as she's trying to figure out what's going on at conference," said Margo Schlanger, a University of Michigan law professor who worked for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in Ginsburg's first term in 1993-94.

Sotomayor also will go last when the justices take initial votes on cases. Ginsburg once recalled "a certain impatience, a high premium on brevity when the vote came round to me and there was already a lopsided majority. But

coming last does have its heady moments, times when the ninth vote breaks a tie."

The court renovation will force Sotomayor into temporary offices and delay getting her permanent location until the construction is done late next year. Justice Samuel Alito once told an interviewer he often got lost in his first months because of the construction. "I didn't know where anything was, how to get in or how to get out," Alito said.

The new justice also often reaches out to the others. Thomas wrote about meeting with his eight colleagues, as well as the man he replaced, Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Sometimes friendships develop across ideological lines, like Ginsburg's relationship with Scalia. They often diverge sharply on the bench, but regularly celebrate New Year's together with their spouses. Among the justices Sotomayor might naturally seek out for guidance are Ginsburg, the court's other woman, and perhaps even Alito. Like Sotomayor, Alito is a former prosecutor and long-time appeals court judge who also graduated from Princeton University and Yale Law School.

Sotomayor will be the second youngest justice, less than half a year older than Roberts.

Sotomayor has little more than a month to prepare for that first case, but while it may interrupt the summer break, it also could help her adjust to her new life.

"It allows her to ease into the process as opposed to preparing for two solid weeks of argument," said Landau, now a partner at Kirkland and Ellis in Washington.

That first case could get her thinking about the biggest change anyone faces in becoming a justice, the far-reaching impact of some Supreme Court decisions, said Meir Feder, a partner at the Jones Day firm in New York and former clerk to retired Justice David Souter, whom Sotomayor replaced.

There are few easy questions that come the court's way. "You're not applying settled law," Feder said, "because if it's settled, it shouldn't get there in the first place."

## Sotomayor: New justice can begin work immediately

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Minutes earlier, she swore a first oath in a private ceremony in the room where the justices hold their private conferences.

Sotomayor wore a cream-colored suit, and her right ankle, fractured in a fall a couple of weeks after her nomination to the court, was unbanded. Her 60 or so guests included Justice Anthony Kennedy, White House counsel Greg Craig and other members of the Obama administration team that helped prepare her for her Senate confirmation hearings, family and friends.

Roberts, wearing his black judicial robe, said that once the oaths were done, Sotomayor could "begin work as associate justice without delay."

Obama scheduled a White House reception for Sotomayor on Wednesday.

The 55-year-old Sotomayor has been a federal judge for 17 years. Obama nominated her for the lifetime appointment in May, and the Senate confirmed her on Thursday.

She will join Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as the only other woman currently serving on the court.

Sotomayor is the daughter of Puerto Rican parents who was raised in a housing project in New York City's gritty South Bronx neighborhood and educated at the elite universities Princeton and Yale before going on to success in the legal profession and then the federal bench.

The new justice can now get to work, although the Supreme Court won't hear arguments until Sept. 9, in a key campaign finance case. The entire court will convene a day earlier, however, for a formal ceremony to welcome Sotomayor.

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Retired Army Staff Sgt. Alfred Pankey takes a look for the first time at his Bronze Star Medal with "V" device after receiving it in the mail on July 20. The medal arrived almost 40 years after Pankey earned it for his actions during the Vietnam War.

## Vietnam veteran receives medal from battle in 1967

### NCO helped lead counterattack against Viet Cong

DAN BLOTTENBERGER  
Stars and Stripes

BAMBERG, Germany — The package Alfred Pankey had waited more than 40 years for finally arrived.

The retired Army staff sergeant, now 69, hobbled into the post office on crutches anxiously looking for his long overdue Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for his acts of valor in a battle that claimed the lives of nine of his comrades.

"Yeah man, I was awarded this in Vietnam, but I never received the medal," Pankey said, proudly holding his newest possession.

"I've been trying to get this award for the longest time."

After retiring in Germany with his family in 1982, Pankey began the process of searching through his military records and contacting his hometown retirement center to see what happened to his award. He said he sent numerous letters and made tons of phone calls.

Then his luck changed six to eight months ago when he was notified by the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command that he would be receiving his Bronze Star.

"This was the last chance I had right here," he said pointing to the TACOM address on the envelope.

The TACOM representative in Philadelphia, from where the medal was delivered, said they are only responsible for shipping the medals once the National Personnel Records Center verifies the award is legitimate.

The NPRC answered Stripes queries with an automated response and did not address questions about why the specific medal review took so long.

Pankey recalled the horrific battle for which he earned the award.

Then-Sgt. Alfred Pankey was serving with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment out of Blackhorse Base Camp on June 19, 1967, near the Cambodian border when his unit was attacked by "mortars, rockets, recoilless rifles, automatic weapons, and small arms fire from an estimated battalion of Viet Cong," his citation reads.

Pankey simply calls it "a bad night."

*"Seeing his platoon leader and platoon sergeant cut down by hostile fire, Sergeant Pankey courageously took command of his platoon."*

Bronze Star Medal citation for Sgt. Alfred Pankey

According to the citation, Pankey rallied his men and maneuvered them to strengthen a vital part of the perimeter.

"Seeing his platoon leader and platoon sergeant cut down by hostile fire, Sergeant Pankey courageously took command of his platoon," the citation reads.

He then guided his men to rescue a heavily engaged combat patrol that was 1,000 yards away, and thanks to his leadership, the unit evacuated all casualties and all their equipment.

"He forced the insurgents to withdraw and then collected several guerrilla weapons and returned to the perimeter with them," the citation reads.

During the fighting, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment lost seven soldiers from K Troop and two from the 919th Engineer Company.

"The next day we found what platoon had the most men left. ... It was a bad night that night when we got hit," he said.

In the end he offered a simple piece of advice:

"No one can help you like you can help yourself," he said about his 40-year quest to get his Bronze Star.

Pankey knew he had earned the medal, so why not just purchase one on the Internet?

"I never did buy it because you are supposed to be given this award," he said.

When asked if he still wants to have it pinned to his chest, he humbly responded, "That's OK, they don't have to come pin it on me."

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# Army Ranger's heart beats on after his death

## Organ is transplanted to family friend after soldier dies in war

By MARK BERMAN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Cpl. Benjamin Kopp gave his life. And then he saved one.

An Army Ranger who had been on his third tour of duty, Kopp was buried Friday at Arlington National Cemetery. Sadly, it's a familiar story: a young man dead before his time, shot by unnamed enemies on the other side of the world.

But this time, there was a renewed life, too. Kopp wanted to be an organ donor. And after he died, his heart was transplanted into a family member's friend who had a rare form of congenital heart disease.

"How can you have a better heart?" said a grateful Judy Meikle, 57, of Winnetka, Ill., who is still recovering from the surgery. "I have the heart of a 21-year-old Army Ranger war hero beating in me."

Kopp's mother, Jill Stephenson of Rosemount, Minn., said that in addition to her son's heart, doctors removed his kidneys, pancreas and liver for transplant.

"It helps my sorrow; it eases my pain. It really does," Stephenson said. "I know that Ben wanted to help save lives ... and it really prolongs Ben's life and honors his memory so much and honors me in that we could save other lives."

Kopp had served two tours of duty in Iraq when he left last spring for Afghanistan. On July 10, his unit attacked a Taliban safe haven in Helmand province, according to the 75th Ranger Regiment. The fight lasted several hours, resulting in the deaths of more than 10 Taliban fighters, but Kopp was shot in the leg.

He was flown to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany before being transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"Initially, it was really comforting to have him be there" on U.S. soil, Stephenson said. "And then it was tough to see him in that condition. ... He looked like a big strong guy. But he was full of tubes and cords and wires."

The doctors at Walter Reed raised the possibility of organ donation with Stephenson, but she said there was never much question that it would happen. Kopp had talked about it and indicated his preference both on his driver's license and in his living will

with the Rangers. And organ donation wasn't something new for the family.

"I lost a brother 27 years ago. He was only 11, and our family donated his organs," Stephenson said. "And I had that sitting in my heart all these years."

On July 18, Stephenson posted an online journal entry telling family and friends about Kopp's passing and said that they were going to donate his organs.

Maria Burud, Stephenson's first cousin in Chicago, had been

following Kopp's condition on the Web site. What occurred next was happenstance.

Burud and Meikle are friends who had worked together in the 1980s. Burud knew that Meikle needed a heart transplant, and Stephenson happened to see her cousin's message in time.

Stephenson had been

told that the family could designate an organ recipient if the person was eligible for a transplant. At the time, Stephenson didn't think she knew anyone on the eligibility list.

"It's a pretty unusual coincidence that somebody knows somebody who needs a heart," said Dr. Michael Shapiro, chair of the Organ Transplantation Network/United Network for Organ Sharing ethics committee.

Meikle knew it might not work out, that Kopp's heart might not be a match.

"It's a million-to-one shot," she said.

It had taken her seven months to get on the eligibility list because she needed to build up a tolerance for heparin, a drug used to prevent blood clots during heart surgery. But she got a call later that day from Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

In the early hours of July 20 — two days after Kopp died — Meikle had her transplant surgery at Northwestern. She is resting at home in Winnetka, a Chicago suburb.

"Ben and Jill were so courageous that something good came out of something that was the worst thing that could happen to someone," Meikle said. "I'm just the luckiest woman alive."

At Arlington on Friday, Kopp's friends and family gathered on the southern side of Section 60, where many of the fallen from Iraq and Afghanistan are buried. Among the mourners were Secretary of Defense Robert Gates.



Kopp

# Iraq asks Iran about 3 detained Americans

## Iraqi officials in tight spot between war ally and neighboring country

By CHELSEA J. CARTER  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's foreign minister has asked the Iranian ambassador to Baghdad to shed more light on the circumstances surrounding the detention of three Americans caught crossing the border between northern Iraq and Iran.

The case of the three Americans, now in Iranian custody

after associates said they had inadvertently stumbled across the border during a hiking trip, has put the Iraqi government in the uncomfortable position of balancing the needs of two close allies who are also mutual antagonists.

Iran has said it is holding the Americans for illegally entering the country, and a prominent Iranian lawmaker has said authorities were investigating whether

to charge them with spying. The State Department has dismissed allegations, while Kurdish authorities say the three were just hikers who strayed across the border.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari asked about the detained Americans during a meeting Thursday with the ambassador, according to a statement posted on the ministry Web site.

The statement did not provide

details about the conversation, and it was not known whether the ambassador provided any information.

Shane Bauer, Sara Shourd and Josh Fattal were detained on July 31 after apparently straying across the border while hiking in Iraq's northern Kurdish region.

A fourth American, Shon Meckfessel, who did not go on the hike because he felt ill, has said the three left July 30 to go

camping by a waterfall near the border and that a day later Bauer called him to say they had been detained by Iranian authorities.

Meckfessel has said Bauer urged him to contact the U.S. Embassy.

Iran and Iraq share an 800 mile border over which there have been long-standing disagreements. In the northern mountainous areas especially, the frontier is poorly marked.

## Safety of Russian aircraft in Afghan war questioned

By CATRINA STEWART  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — More than a year ago, the U.N. dropped the Russian air transport company Vertikal-T from its approved list of vendors after a fatal helicopter crash in Nepal.

Yet NATO continued to use helicopters owned by Vertikal-T in Afghanistan. And on July 19, one of those choppers crashed at southern Afghanistan's largest NATO base, killing 16 civilians on board.

The crash reflects a little-known reality behind NATO's military push in Afghanistan: It is relying on Russian aviators flying Soviet-design aircraft, who are clocking up lucrative contracts in a country Russian troops left two decades ago.

Aviation industry analysts say many of these contractors have bad safety records, and allege that NATO has hired some operators with questionable backgrounds through arms-length leasing deals. These same analysts say governments have outsourced crucial military contracts to little-known companies.

"Normally this would be handled by the military, but the military have been cut back. ... They are plugging the gaps with dodgy operators," said Hugh Griffiths, an analyst at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

Spokesman Ari Gaitanis



GREG BAKER/AP

**A Russian-built Mi-26 transport helicopter at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan in 2007. Faced with a shortage of helicopters, NATO countries are turning to cheap, Eastern European operators to ferry supplies and civilian contractors in Afghanistan, as well as in recovering downed choppers in the country.**

wrote in an e-mail that the U.N. suspended and removed Vertikal-T from its list of approved companies because of "serious violation of international safety requirements."

But the company responded that it was dropped because "Vertikal-T could not sufficiently prove that it could comply with the requirements and regulations of the U.N." It added: "There is

no mention of safety." Vertikal-T also noted that it is subject to Russian air safety regulators, and recently had its Russian commercial license renewed as an air carrier.

## Marine based on Okinawa killed in Afghanistan

Stars and Stripes

An Okinawa-based corporal was among four Marines killed Thursday in western Afghanistan when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Farah province, the Defense Department announced.

The Okinawa Marine was identified as Cpl. Christian A. Guzman Rivera, 21, of the 3rd Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Expeditionary Force. He was from Homestead, Fla.

The other Marines were identified as Lance Cpl. Travis T. Babine, 20, of San Antonio; Sgt. Jay M. Hoskins, 24, of Paris, Texas; and Lance Cpl. James D. Argentine, 22, of Farmingdale, N.Y. They were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay.

More details weren't available Saturday.

## Karzai challenger blasts election security

KABUL — President Hamid Karzai's top challenger charged Saturday that the government was failing to establish safe conditions for the Aug. 20 election, but pledged that his supporters would not protest violently if he lost.

Abdullah Abdullah said Karzai's administration, which is supposed to have primary responsibility for election security, was not protecting campaign workers.

Interior Ministry officials say there have been at least 20 attacks against politicians or their aides in recent weeks.

A Karzai spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment.

From The Associated Press

## No criminal charges in KBR electrocution case

By KIMBERLY HEFLING  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No criminal charges will be filed against military contractor KBR Inc. in connection with the electrocution of a Green Beret soldier who died while showering in his barracks in Iraq, the Defense Department said Friday.

Investigators said there was "insufficient evidence to prove or disprove" that anyone was criminally culpable in the January 2008 death of 24-year-old

Staff Sgt. Ryan Maseth of Pittsburgh. The uproar over his death triggered a review of 17 other electrocution deaths in Iraq and widespread inspections.

Maseth's death at first was ruled an accident. But later, an Army in-



Maseth

vestigator called Maseth's death a "negligent homicide," caused by Houston-based KBR and two of its supervisors, and said it had failed to ensure that "qualified electricians and plumbers" worked on the building where Maseth died, according to an internal document.

On Friday, the Defense Department said that while both contractors and government employees "breached their respective duties of care" the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command determined that none of the breaches

alone were "the proximate cause of his death."

Army criminal investigators also agreed that the manner of death was accidental.

Maseth's mother, Cheryl Harris, said the findings were heart-breaking and disappointing.

The Defense Department's inspector general said this month that Maseth died when he came in contact with an energized metal shower and hose caused by the failure of an ungrounded water pump located on the roof of the building installed by KBR.



## Borderline conference room



EMILIO MORENATTI/AP

**U.S. Lt. Col. William Clark, second from left, talks with Gen. Abdul Raziq, the border police commander for southern Afghanistan, during a joint patrol along the border with Pakistan, on the outskirts of Spin Boldak, Afghanistan, on Friday.**

# Taliban claims leader escaped missile blast

By NAHAL TOOSI  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A Taliban spokesman and a deputy to Baitullah Mehsud claimed Saturday that the Pakistani Taliban chief was not killed by a CIA missile strike, contradicting another aide who confirmed Mehsud's death a day earlier.

The claims, made in calls to Pakistani and international media organizations, could undermine the growing confidence among U.S. and Pakistani officials that Mehsud died.

They also could be tactical maneuvers to prevent defections as the Taliban leadership searches for a successor to Mehsud or even to delay a decision on naming an heir.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Rahman Malik said authorities have received information that a fight broke out between two rival Taliban groups and that one of two people believed to be contenders to succeed Mehsud is dead.

Malik said the reported fight broke out between the groups of Taliban commanders Waliur Rehman and Mehsud deputy Hakimullah, and that one of the two was reportedly dead.

Malik said Saturday that the information was still being verified. He said the incident occurred Friday. However, Hakimullah spoke to an Associated Press reporter on Saturday morning, when he called to deny a CIA missile strike had killed Mehsud.

## Bomb at Peshawar school wounds 6

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Police say a bomb outside a school in Pakistan's northwest has wounded six people.

Local police officer Marjan Khan says the blast hit a parking area outside the school for boys and girls shortly before classes ended Saturday in Charsadda district northeast of Peshawar city.

Five of those injured were motorcycle-rickshaw drivers who were waiting to take children home.

Khan says no one claimed responsibility, and that the attack was aimed at terrorizing local people.

The school is close to Pakistan's tribal region, where Taliban militants have sought to impose their harsh brand of Islam on the population, often targeting schools, particularly those for girls.

From The Associated Press

Pakistani intelligence officials acknowledged Saturday that the missile strike said to have killed Mehsud was carried out with Islamabad's help, indicating growing coordination between the two countries despite Pakistan's official disapproval of the strikes.

Hakimullah and Taliban spokesman Maulvi Umar each called two separate AP reporters Saturday to say Mehsud was alive.

They pledged evidence of his continued existence would be brought forth in the coming days.

The reports of his death "are just to discourage and destroy the morale of the Taliban," Umar said.

Umar said Mehsud was with his fighters "sound and fit," and not even injured. He said Mehsud would not be provoked into coming out into the open so soon because that would make him a target.

Hakimullah is one of the potential successors to lead the militant group. However, intelligence agents said it appears likely that Hakimullah may be passed over for the top position in favor of Rehman, another Mehsud aide.

Asked if Mehsud could call AP, Hakimullah said it was not possible at the moment. Asked why he did not refute the reports of Mehsud's death earlier in the week, the militant did not answer.

Mehsud aide Kafayat Ullah told AP a day earlier that Mehsud was killed with one of his two wives Wednesday in his stronghold in the South Waziristan tribal region.

"I confirm that Baitullah Mehsud and his wife died in the American missile attack in South Waziristan," Ullah told AP by telephone.

Pakistani and U.S. officials said they were getting the same reports and were reasonably confident in them, but did not have forensic evidence such as a body for irrefutable confirmation.

# U.S., Britain plan new push to halt Afghan opium crop

By KAREN DEYOUNG  
The Washington Post

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Average daily wage for opium collection in Afghanistan, according to the U.N.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. and British governments plan to spend millions of dollars over the next two months to try to persuade Afghan farmers not to plant opium poppy, by far the country's most profitable cash crop and a major source of Taliban funding and official corruption.

By selling wheat seeds and fruit saplings to farmers at token prices, offering cheap credit, and paying poppy-farm laborers to work on roads and irrigation ditches, U.S. and British officials hope to provide alternatives before the planting season begins in early October. Many poppy farmers survive Afghanistan's harsh winters on loans advanced by drug traffickers and their associates, repaid with the spring harvest.

"We need a way to get money in [farmers'] hands right away," a senior U.S. military official in Afghanistan said.

The program replaces the Bush administration's focus on crop eradication, which "wasted hundreds of millions of dollars," according to Richard Holbrooke, the Obama administration's special representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan. Destroying the crops succeeded only in "alienat[ing] poor farmers" and "driving people into the hands of the Taliban," he told reporters last week.

Officials maintain that the new Afghan plan differs from unsuccessful "alternative" plans because it is an integral part of a military-development strategy that includes tens of thousands of U.S. troops to keep the Taliban and traffickers at bay while Afghan security forces are being trained. Plans call for hundreds of U.S. and international aid experts to work directly with farmers and local officials until the Afghan government has matured.

"The way [the assistance] is offered is important," said the senior U.S. military official, one of several who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the program on the record.

"We are not providing subsidies ... we are not just handing out cash." Farmers will have a "stake" in the program, he said, buying vouchers for seeds and fertilizers for about 10 percent of their value. Cash will be distributed only as credit or for work performed, the official added.

The epicenter of the overlapping wars against opium production and the Taliban is southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, where more than two-thirds of the country's poppy is grown. Thousands of Marines and British troops are in the midst of a major offensive there against entrenched insurgent forces and are providing security in villages as they are cleared.

"By this time next year," the senior military official said, "what

we want to see is decreased poppy harvest. For us, that will be a metric of success. If we don't get conditions set now, in the next 60 days, we're not going to get the results we'd like."

The timeline is daunting. A planned "civilian surge" of hundreds of new U.S. aid officials and agriculture experts has been slow to arrive. A micro-finance loan program is still in the planning stages, and although \$300 million in aid has been set aside for "rapid response" initiatives, including voucher programs for seeds and fertilizer, distribution has been sluggish.

Mohammad Gulab Mangal, the governor of Helmand province, whom U.S. officials have praised for encouraging local communities to turn away from poppy, held the first of eight scheduled outreach meetings only last week.

The plan also includes stepped-up efforts to interdict drug shipments and destroy stockpiles. The Drug Enforcement Administration expects to increase its manpower on the ground from 13 agents in 2008 to 81 by the end of this year. The Marine assault in Helmand, a DEA official in Kabul said, has "greatly enhanced" the agency's ability to take action there, he said.

The DEA is also training Afghan police in counternarcotics investigations, and the Justice Department is developing a program for Afghan prosecutors, although those efforts are described as slow-moving.

Some of the greatest challenges to the new strategy are at the level of farmhouse economics. More than 365,000 Afghan farm households earned about \$730 million from poppy last year — a fraction of the \$3.4 billion earned from opium exports, according to the United Nations, but an amount nearly equal to the national government's \$750 million in official revenue.

The average Helmand farmer cultivates less than an acre of land, with about half an acre planted in poppy yielding a gross income of about \$2,000. After paying 45 percent of that in production costs, and 10 percent in local taxes, he nets about \$900, more than twice what he would earn from wheat at current, albeit rising, prices.

The average daily wage for construction work, the United Nations reported, is \$3.60. Opium "lancing/gum collection" pays \$9.50.

## IN THE WORLD

# Asia terrorist may be dead

## Indonesian police say man is behind major attacks

By IRWAN FIRDAUS  
The Associated Press

BEJI, Indonesia — Southeast Asia's most wanted terror suspect was reportedly killed during a 16-hour siege on a suspected militant hide-out that ended Saturday when police stormed the house, but officials said they could not yet confirm he was among the dead.

Local TV stations reported militant chief Noordin Moham-

mad Top, who is blamed for last month's attacks on two American hotels in the capital, Jakarta, as well as bombings on the resort island of Bali, was killed in the bathroom of the house in a rice-growing village in central Java province following a lengthy bomb and gun battle.

The body of a man believed to be Noordin was flown to Jakarta for an autopsy, but police "cannot yet confirm that this is Noordin Top," national police chief Bam-

bang Hendarso Damuri said.

Police don't want to say that Noordin is assumed dead, and any announcement will have to wait until this week after a DNA examination is complete, Hendarso said at a nationally televised news conference.

The suicide attacks on the J.W. Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels in Jakarta killed seven people, all but one of them foreigners, and ended a four-year pause in terror strikes in Indonesia, the world's



TATAN SYUFLANA/AP

**Policemen inspect materials found inside a house where suspected terrorists were holed up after a raid in Bekasi, West Java, Indonesia, on Saturday.**

most populous Muslim nation.

Noordin is also believed to have played a major role in four other bombings in Indonesia since 2002, including nightclub attacks

on the resort island of Bali that year that killed 202 people.

He later emerged as a regional terrorist leader and skilled bomb maker.



SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/AP

**Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton visits a housing project Saturday in Cape Town, South Africa. On a mission to improve relations, Clinton met with South African President Jacob Zuma.**

## Clinton declares U.S.-South Africa ties on mend after years of strain

By MATTHEW LEE  
The Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — At a housing project for the homeless she once visited as first lady, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton basked in the cheers and serenade from an adoring crowd Saturday and pronounced U.S.-South African ties on the mend after years of strain.

Clinton was in her element as she worked rope lines at the project on the outskirts of Cape Town that she had toured by herself in 1997 and then again in 1998 with her husband, President Bill Clinton, in tow to see the progress.

On her third trip, a ragtag marching band welcomed her to the Victoria Mxenge Housing Project, which has grown from 18 to 579 homes since she first came. It got under way in the early 1990s with U.S. money.

"Thank you for the progress report; I am very pleased," she said. "Congratulations."

At a second development run by the same organization, a smiling Clinton helped clear some rubble from a construction site and planted flowers and a tree.

"This is what I really believe in," she said. "I mean, I have traveled literally all over the world and when people organize them-

selves and are given the tools and the training to really empower themselves and their future and build houses and communities; that's what's lasting."

She then borrowed \$50 from an aide to make a contribution to a community savings venture that helps pay for construction.

Clinton arrived in Cape Town on the Atlantic Coast from the capital, Pretoria, and the Indian Ocean port of Durban, where she met Saturday with the new South African president, Jacob Zuma, on a mission to improve America's relationship with Africa's most prosperous nation.

## Abbas reappointed head of Fatah

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was named head of his Fatah movements Saturday at his party's first conference in two decades, strengthening the hand of the Western-backed leader in his bid to revive peace talks with Israel.

But Abbas' ability to speak — and negotiate — on behalf of Palestinians will depend on if he can revive his party's flagging fortunes and heal a rift

between Fatah and its rivals, the Islamic militant group Hamas.

"This convention must be a new beginning for the Fatah movement," Abbas said to thunderous applause.

Hundreds of delegates cheered and clapped as senior Fatah official Tayib Abdul Rahim announced on Saturday that Abbas was chosen to lead the party. There was no vote because no other candidate came forward to challenge Abbas' five-year rule.

From The Associated Press

## N. Korean vessel detained by India

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — India's coast guard detained a "suspicious" North Korean cargo ship after a six-hour chase off the country's southeastern coast, a newspaper report said Saturday.

The MV Mu San was pursued by coast guards who opened fire above the vessel after it attempted to flee from an island in the Andaman and Nicobar group where it had dropped anchor without permission Wednesday, the Times of India said.

"We opened fire twice in the air and only then did Mu San obey our orders," the daily quoted K.R. Nautiyal, a coast guard official, as saying.

The ship was escorted to Port Blair, capital of the Andaman and Nicobar islands.

A preliminary search by the coast guard revealed the ship was carrying sugar and had 39 people on board. The ship will be thoroughly searched by additional

coast guard officials who were on their way to the remote islands in the Bay of Bengal.

North Korean ships have in the past been involved in clandestinely ferrying nuclear materials, missile parts and arms to trouble spots across the world.

It was the first North Korean vessel to be subject to searches under a U.N. resolution that allows other nations to request boarding and inspection of North Korean ships suspected of transporting illicit cargo — though the vessels do not have to give permission.

The U.N. Security Council passed Resolution 1874 in June to punish North Korea after its May 25 nuclear test. The country, already banned from conducting ballistic missile tests under previous resolutions, is also forbidden from selling arms and weapons-related material.

North Korea is believed to earn money from selling missile technology and weapons.

## Exiled Uighur leader defends activism to Australian press

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — An exiled Uighur activist whom Beijing blames for recent deadly riots in China said Saturday that she is a "woman of peace," as she attended an Australian film festival for the screening of a documentary about her life.

Rebiya Kadeer, a U.S.-based activist who has denied instigating last month's ethnic violence in western Xinjiang province, was escorted into the sold-out screening of "10 Conditions of Love" at the Melbourne International Film Festival through a back entrance as a small group of protesters demonstrated nearby.

"I'm a mother, I'm a woman of peace," Kadeer told Australian

Broadcasting Corp. radio through an interpreter. "I have always been peacefully struggling for the freedom and human rights of the Uighur people. I will continue to do so peacefully, until the day when my people become free."

China requested that Australia deny Kadeer a visa and asked the festival to drop her movie from the program.

Seven Chinese-language films were withdrawn from the festival in protest.

China says the clashes last month between minority Muslim Uighurs and members of the dominant Han Chinese group left 197 people dead and more than 1,700 injured. Beijing blames Kadeer, 62, for instigating the unrest, a charge she denies.





A woman is rescued following heavy floods caused by Typhoon Morakot in Taiwan on Saturday.

## Typhoon leaves at least six dead or missing in Taiwan

The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Typhoon Morakot slammed into Taiwan overnight, flooding villages, cutting power lines and leaving at least six people dead or missing, officials and media reported Saturday.

Separately, rescuers were searching for some 10 sailors lost in rough seas off Hainan Island in southern China as Tropical Storm Goni approached.

Morakot hit Taiwan late Friday but by 2 p.m. Saturday had traversed the island and weakened to a tropical storm in the Taiwan Strait. It was expected to hit southern China late Saturday or early Sunday. Morakot had smashed into the northern Philippines early Friday, triggering floods and landslides that killed at least 12 people.

Morakot dumped up to 65 inches of rain on parts of southern and eastern Taiwan on Friday and Saturday, leaving villages in Taitung, Pingtung and Kaohsiung counties partially submerged.

A 67-year-old woman died late

Friday when she drove her motorcycle into a ditch during heavy rain in Kaohsiung in the south, the National Fire Agency said in a statement posted on its Web site.

The Apple Daily newspaper said a 47-year-old man slammed his car into a train in torrential rain in eastern Yilan county late Friday and died on the spot. The newspaper did not provide a source and local authorities could not immediately confirm the report.

Another five people were missing and feared dead, the National Fire Agency said.

Two were fishermen whose boat capsized off the coast of Pingtung county in the south, the agency said. One man fell into the sea in eastern Taitung county and a 50-year-old woman fell into a river in Kaohsiung, the agency said.

A villager, also in Taitung, set off on a fishing expedition early Friday as the storm approached the island but no one has been able to contact him since, it said. It did not provide any more details. The agency said at least 17 people were injured in the storm.

## Riot police on patrol for protests in Myanmar

YANGON, Myanmar — Pro-junta supporters and truckloads of riot police patrolling Myanmar's commercial capital on Saturday kept potential demonstrators off the streets on the 21st anniversary of pro-democracy protests that triggered one of the country's bloodiest uprisings.

The anniversary comes days before a Myanmar court rules on whether democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi should be jailed for five years for violating terms of her house arrest. The Nobel laureate came to prominence during the demonstrations and remains the country's most popular politician.

Residents interviewed in Yangon said they dared not mark the anniversary, knowing they would be quickly arrested and face the prospect of long prison sentences. Most said they had other priorities.

"I have forgotten that today is the anniversary," said Hla

Maung, a 52-year-old trishaw driver. "I wake up every morning thinking how to feed my family of three."

## Death estimate rises in Tongan ferry incident

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga — Police say the number of people missing and feared dead after a ferry capsized and sank off Tonga has risen to 93 — eight more than previously thought.

Police Chief Inspector Sokopeti To'ia said Sunday the latest count of those aboard the ill-fated ferry was 149, up from an earlier count of 141. Of those, 54 were rescued and two bodies recovered, leaving 93 missing. The confirmed dead were a British man living in New Zealand and a Polynesian woman.

To'ia said navy divers from Australia and New Zealand arrived Saturday to help comb the wreck for bodies, but were unable to locate the vessel in their first attempt.

From The Associated Press

# French, British embassy staff put on trial in Iran

By ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — A young French academic and local employees of the British and French embassies appeared before an Iranian judge Saturday along with dozens of opposition figures accused of involvement in the country's postelection unrest.

The appearance of the British Embassy employee appeared to catch Britain off guard, and the Foreign Office in London promised a response to what it called "this latest outrage."

The defendants stand accused of crimes including rioting, spying and plotting a "soft overthrow" of the regime after the disputed June 12 presidential election.

Iran's opposition and the hundreds of thousands who took to the streets after the election denounced official results that declared President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad the winner. The government has been eager to show that the outpouring was the result not of internal unrest but of foreign interference.

During the session, a prosecutor read out an indictment saying the U.S. and Britain had plans to foment the unrest with the aim of toppling Iran's Islamic rulers through a "soft overthrow," the state-run Islamic Republic News



HANIF SHOAEI, ILNA/AP

French lecturer Clotilde Reiss, who was reportedly jailed on charges of spying linked to riots over last month's presidential elections in Iran, appears in a courtroom in Tehran on Saturday.

Agency reported.

The vague indictment also accused the two powers of providing financial assistance to Iran's reformists to undermine hard-line clerics within the ruling system.

During Saturday's session, Hossein Rassam, a political analyst at the British Embassy arrested shortly after the start of the unrest, told the court that Britain was involved in fomenting the unrest, according to

IRNA news agency.

Rassam has been charged with espionage and "acting against national security," IRNA reported.

In London, Britain's Foreign Office called his appearance unacceptable and said it contradicted assurances it had been given by senior Iranian officials.

"We deplore these trials and the so-called confessions of prisoners who have been denied their basic human rights," a Foreign Office statement said.

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## IN THE STATES

A New York City Police helicopter hovers low over the Hudson River as it drops a police diver into the river Saturday in New York. A tour helicopter carrying five Italian tourists collided with a small plane Saturday over the Hudson River, and authorities believed all nine people aboard were killed.

PAT BRADSHAW/AP



# 9 feared dead as plane, helo crash over N.Y. river

## Mayor calls collision of aircraft 'not survivable'

BY VERENA DOBNIK  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A sightseeing helicopter carrying five Italian tourists and a small plane collided above the Hudson River on Saturday, sending debris into the water and forcing people on New Jersey's waterfront to scamper for cover. Authorities believe all nine people aboard the two aircraft were killed.

The accident, which Mayor Michael Bloomberg called "not survivable," happened just after noon and was seen by hundreds and maybe even thousands of people out enjoying a crystal clear summer day.

The two aircraft went down just south of the stretch of river where a US Airways jet landed safely seven months ago. But this time, there was no miracle.

"This is not going to have a happy ending," Bloomberg said.

He said hours after the accident that he thought it fair to say "this has changed from a rescue to a recovery mission."

Two bodies were recovered in the water, one floating free and



one in the wreckage, and other bodies were spotted in the debris, the mayor said. The crash victims included five Italian tourists and a pilot on the helicopter and the three people on the plane, including a child, Bloomberg said.

Witnesses described the same scene: a low-flying plane smashing into the helicopter, and then wreckage scattering. The plane's wing was severed by the impact.

The plane, a Piper PA-32, had just taken off from Teterboro Airport in New Jersey and was headed to Ocean City, N.J., authorities said.

The helicopter was a Eurocopter AS 350 owned by Liberty Tours, a sightseeing and charter company. It was struck by the plane shortly after lifting off from a heliport on Manhattan's West side.

At least some people saw the crash developing. Another Liberty Tours helicopter pilot on the ground at the heliport saw the plane approaching the helicopter and tried to radio an alert to the pilots, New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. The warning either wasn't heard, or didn't happen in time.

Kelly Owen, who was visiting from Florida, saw the crash from a Manhattan park built upon an abandoned elevated rail line.

"First I saw a piece of something flying through the air. Then I saw the helicopter going down into the water," she said, adding that the crowd in the park seemed too stunned to react. "I thought it was my imagination."

# Judge sends message with \$1.3M penalty in Colo. prison rape case

BY CATHERINE TSAI  
The Associated Press

DENVER — A federal judge was so appalled that a former Colorado prison guard accused of raping an inmate was allowed to plead guilty to a misdemeanor that he imposed \$1.3 million in damages in the inmate's civil lawsuit — a message advocates hope will pressure corrections officials nationwide to protect prisoners from sexual misconduct.

"It sends a strong message to the agency and also individual correctional officers that there's not going to be immunity to violating the constitutional rights of people they're required to safeguard," said Brenda Smith, a member of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission.

The Denver Women's Correctional Facility inmate said the former guard coerced her into a five-month sexual relationship and sodomized her when she began refusing his advances, according to court documents.

The former guard pleaded guilty in 2008 to misdemeanor unlawful sexual contact and was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

U.S. District Judge David Ebel in June called the plea deal "simply egregious," and said the man and some fellow corrections officers "are in need of a strong punitive award in this case to cure them of their disrespect for the law." The former guard didn't return a written message seeking comment.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated in 2007 that 38,600 inmates of both genders in federal and state prisons had experienced sexual misconduct by staff. That equals about 2.9 percent of the national prison population.

Inmate advocates hope the Colorado judge's ruling, as well as Michigan's decision in July to pay \$100 million to settle claims by 500 female inmates who alleged sexual misconduct by officers, will be a deterrent.

"It'll have an impact in Colorado but also nationally," said Margaret Winter, associate director of the ACLU's National Prison Project.

Brian Lathen is a lawyer in Salem, Ore., representing four in-

mates who say they were victims of sexual misconduct by Oregon state prison staff.

"I hope that it makes all the prisons and women's facilities around the nation start to better supervise their employees," Lathen said.

At least three other female inmates in Colorado have civil lawsuits pending in federal court that allege they were forced by state Department of Corrections employees to perform sex acts. Each seeks \$150 million in damages.

The three men accused in the lawsuits received either probation or deferred sentences on criminal state charges and had to register as sex offenders. They no longer work for the department.

The Department of Corrections has "seen it happen time and time again," said Andrea Blanset, an attorney handling the cases. "When there are criminal charges, they don't go to prison."

Department spokeswoman Katherine Sanguinetti said the department can and does push for criminal charges in such cases.

As for the former employees' criminal sentences, she said, "That's the judges' and courts' decisions."

"What their sentence is has nothing to do with what the department's position is. We have a no-tolerance policy on sexual misconduct," Sanguinetti said.

The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, created by Congress under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, recommended in June that prisoners be able to report sexual misconduct to someone outside the prison system.

They also urged Congress to change parts of the 1996 Prison Litigation Reform Act, which requires prisoners to prove they were physically injured before they can receive compensatory damages and to exhaust all internal administrative remedies before going to court.

The act was meant to discourage prisoners from filing frivolous lawsuits. But Winter said the requirements are extreme for sexually abused inmates who fear retaliation for reporting they were attacked.

## S.C. first lady, sons leave governor's residence

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The wife of South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford moved out of the official governor's residence with their four sons Friday, a little more than a month after he admitted to a yearlong affair with an Argentine woman he called his "soul mate."

First lady Jenny Sanford and several other women moved bags of clothes, a suitcase and armloads of suits and dresses on hangers from the governor's mansion in Columbia before departing in a caravan of sport utility vehicles. Three of the four boys were present, carrying tote and duffel bags. In a statement, Jenny Sanford said she was heading to the family residence on Sullivan's Island, some 120 miles southeast, for the upcoming school year.

"From there, we will work to continue the process of healing our family," she said. "While we will be leaving Columbia, we will return often, and I will remain engaged in activities in my role as first lady, acknowledging that my responsibilities to my family come first."

From The Associated Press

## Eunice Kennedy Shriver, 88, in critical condition

The Associated Press

BARNSTABLE, Mass. — Eunice Kennedy Shriver, a sister of President John F. Kennedy and a longtime champion for the disabled, was in a Massachusetts hospital with family at her side.

The 88-year-old Shriver, who has been weakened in recent years by a series of strokes, was in critical condition Saturday.

Her husband, 1972 vice presidential candidate and former Peace Corps director R. Sargent Shriver, was at her side along with their children and grandchildren at Cape Cod Hospital in Barnstable, said family spokesman Stephen Rivers.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the

husband of Shriver's daughter, Maria, was also there, said Aaron McLearn, a spokesman for the governor.

The Shrivers live in Hyannis Port, near the family compound where her brother, U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, has been staying as he undergoes treatment for brain cancer. He left the compound Friday in a golf cart with his wife and dog, headed toward the area where the family sailboat is docked.

Eunice Shriver is the fifth of the nine Kennedy children. Edward Kennedy and Jean Kennedy Smith are her sole surviving siblings.

Shriver is perhaps best known for her work to establish the Special Olympics, inspired by her mentally disabled sister, Rosemary.



# OCD sufferers meet to tackle their fears

**Ashley Bystrom enjoys an afternoon outside with her mother, Jacquie, on their backyard tire swing on July 31 in Champlin, Minn. Ashley, who has obsessive-compulsive disorder, wouldn't leave her house or play outside when she was 8 years old because of her fear of dirt and germs. At 13, she's overcome her fears and spends many afternoons outside drawing and riding her horse.**

Dawn Villalta/AP



By NOMAAN MERCHANT  
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Ashley Bystrom was terrified of germs. Jared Kant worried his own thoughts could hurt other people.

Both children overcame the paralyzing fears that accompanied their obsessive-compulsive disorder, success that they feel driven to share with others. That's why neither would miss the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation's annual conference, an event this weekend where the personal connections and support are as important as the speakers and seminars.

"I like meeting other kids and learning about what types of OCD they have, too," said Ashley, now 13. "And I tell them about what I used to have."

Obsessive-compulsive disorder affects about 2.2 million Americans, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Sufferers have overwhelming thoughts of uncertainty, sometimes leading to repetitive and disruptive behaviors.

People with OCD often behave normally in every aspect of their

*Obsessive-compulsive disorder affects about 2.2 million Americans, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.*

lives besides the obsession. Symptoms can go ignored or undiagnosed for years, sometimes until they make performing everyday tasks difficult.

There is no cure, but antidepressant medications can help. So can therapy that helps sufferers confront and learn to live with uncertainty.

Dr. Jonathan Grayson, an expert on the disorder, says OCD runs away with the people it afflicts.

"No matter what I choose, I will find a way to question it," Grayson said, describing his patients' struggle with OCD. "I'll keep pursuing uncertainty until I go crazy."

About 1,200 people are expected to attend the conference, which starts Friday. Many attendees are patients and their families.

Seminars will address the different forms of the disorder as well as new research. Other

events are aimed toward helping patients cope with their fears.

A mainstay is "virtual camping." Grayson, who has led the camps for more than a decade, conducts exercises geared toward specific fears. In one exercise, germophobic campers place their hands on a trash bin or in garbage. Then, campers hug each other — no hand-washing or sanitizer allowed.

In another exercise, sufferers who fear their own thoughts are told to think the worst — even about killing people — to see if anything happens.

On Saturday, younger attendees who struggle with being overly meticulous about their appearance may choose to undergo a "makeover" in a fashion show of sorts — with participants outfitted in misbuttoned shirts, mismatched shoes and funny hairdos.

## Obama ties economy, jobs to health care plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Using better-than-expected jobs numbers to press his top domestic priority, President Barack Obama argued Saturday that overhauling the nation's costly health care system is essential to economic well-being.

"We've begun to put the brakes on this recession and ... the worst may be behind us," Obama proclaimed in his weekly radio and Internet address, citing a new Labor Department report that shows a dip in unemployment.

"But we must do more than rescue our economy from this immediate crisis; we must rebuild it stronger than before."

He added: "We must lay a new

foundation for future growth and prosperity, and a key pillar of a new foundation is health insurance reform."

It's a pitch that comes as the Democratic-controlled Congress wrestles to write a health care plan that meets Obama's goals of expanding coverage to millions of uninsured while reining in exploding costs.

With lawmakers embarking on a monthlong summer break, opponents and supporters of various proposals under consideration are waging fierce campaigns.

Obama is also redoubling his effort to explain his positions to a public that polls say is becoming increasingly wary he can deliver

on his promise to revamp health care.

The president argued that Congress was close to finalizing "real health insurance reform" but, as he has for weeks now, he warned against listening to opponents who he said were spewing misleading information and outlandish claims to defeat "the best chance of reform we have ever had."

Countering the Democratic position, Bob McDonnell, the Republican nominee for Virginia governor, argued that the new Labor Department report was "yet another reminder that families and small businesses are struggling as unemployment remains high."

In the Republican Party's response address, McDonnell sought to draw distinctions between Democrats and Republicans on economic and health care policy.

"As Republicans, we believe you create jobs by keeping taxes and regulation low, and litigation at a minimum. Americans succeed when government puts in place positive policies that encourage more freedom and more opportunity," he said.

McDonnell also said that, unlike Democrats, Republicans are committed to helping the uninsured — "not through nationalizing the system with a costly government-run plan, but rather by supporting free-market incen-

tives and helping small business owners make covers more accessible and affordable, and ensuring that Americans can keep their individual private policies."

## Debate: Forums get heated

DEBATE, FROM PAGE 1

Republicans have seized on the episodes as well as polls showing a decline in support for President Barack Obama and his agenda as evidence that public support is lacking for his signature legislation.

Pushing back, Democrats have accused Republicans of sanctioning mob tactics, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., accused protesters last week of trying to sabotage the democratic process.

Miller never had plans to hold a town hall meeting of people to discuss the plan.

The threatening caller, when told by a staffer that Miller was not planning a meeting, claimed the congressman didn't want to meet with people face to face be-



CHRIS ZUPPA, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES/AP

Karen Miracle of Brandon, Fla., pushes Barry Osteen of Lutz, Fla., during a heated debate between Osteen and her husband, Garry, center, during a health care town hall-style meeting at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County in Tampa, Fla.

cause he knew it would cost him his life, according to Canipe. The staffer then asked if the caller was making a threat. The caller, said Canipe, replied that there are a lot of angry people out

there.

The U.S. Capitol Police confirmed Friday they were looking into a threat against a congressman, but wouldn't provide further details.

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Dr. Josephine Briggs, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

# \$34 billion

# ALTERNATIVE

## Report looks at what Americans are spending on unconventional health care remedies

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE AND MIKE STOBBE  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Americans spend more than a 10th of their out-of-pocket health care dollars on alternative medicine, according to the first national estimate of such spending in more than a decade.

Chiropractors, massage therapists, acupuncturists and herbal remedies are commanding significant consumer dollars, the government report shows.

Altogether, consumers spent an estimated \$34 billion on those and other alternative remedies in 2007, the report found.

"We are talking about a very wide range of health practices that range from promising and sensible to potentially harmful," said Dr. Josephine Briggs, director of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, the federal agency that leads research in this field.

The report is based on a 2007 survey by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of more than 23,000 adults nationwide. An earlier report from this survey, released in December, found that more than one-third of adults use alternative medicine.

That includes a wide range of services from meditation and yoga to herbal supplements, such as echinacea and ginseng. Vitamins and minerals are not included in this report but will be addressed in a future one.

Pain was the main reason people tried massage, chiropractic care and other alternative therapies. Among supplement users, most popular were glucosamine for joint pain and fish oil to cut the risk of heart disease.



ERIC RISBERG/AP

Pills on display are, from left, Echinacea, fish oil and glucosamine.

The new survey results focus on how often Americans use these things, and how much they pay for them. The numbers show that alternative medicine accounts for more than 11 percent of out-of-pocket spending on health care in the United States.

The study found that about 44 cents out of every dollar spent on alternative medicine was for products like fish oil, glucosamine and echinacea. Spending on these products was nearly \$15 billion, or about a third of what Americans spend out-of-pocket for prescription drugs.

"I personally am pretty conservative about supplement use," Briggs said. She believes that research her center has

sponsored has affected consumer use. After widely publicized studies showed the ineffectiveness of echinacea for colds and St. John's wort for major depression, their use fell; fish oil use has risen following some research suggesting it might help lower risk of heart problems.

The survey shows about 35 cents of each alternative therapy dollar was for visits to acupuncturists, chiropractors, massage therapists and other practitioners. That totals nearly \$12 billion, or about one-quarter of what Americans spend on visits to mainstream physicians.

"Some of the useful things chiropractors are doing amounts to physical therapy," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe, who leads Public Citizen's health research. "Medicine is beginning to realize how important physical therapy is," he added. Long critical of the government for what he considers lax regulation of prescription drugs and mainstream medicine, Wolfe also sees problems with the widespread use of dietary supplements. "People think they are cleared" by the Food and Drug Administration, he said, when in fact they do not need proof of safety or effectiveness to go on the market. "Mainly, they're ineffective," he said.

The last government estimate for out-of-pocket spending on alternative medicine came from a 1997 survey. That research suggested \$27 billion was being spent.

The new report concludes that 38 million adults visited alternative medicine practitioners in 2007. They paid less than \$50 per visit on average, but many paid \$75 or more for services such as acupuncture, homeopathy and hypnosis therapy. The average annual spending per person to see practitioners was about \$122, and the average spending on products was \$177.



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# FACES

By PATRICIA SHERIDAN  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Jesse James, first came to the public's attention on the Discovery Channel's "Monster Garage." Since then he has created a working-man's empire, starting with his West Coast Chopper specializing in custom-built motorcycles.

James, 40, continues to work there and run several other businesses. He has a clothing line at Wal-Mart, a motorcycle magazine, restaurants and a production company called PayUpsuka. He also has become a reality TV star thanks to "Celebrity Apprentice," and Spike TV's "Jesse James Is a Dead Man," a series in which he performs death-defying stunts never before seen on television. He is married to actress Sandra Bullock and has children from his previous marriages.

**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Was "The Apprentice" everything you thought it was going to be?**

James: I had zero expectations, so I guess it was more than I thought it would be. I mean, honestly, I've been stuck. I've been on basic cable for the last 10 years. So the chance to do one of the biggest, big network TV shows, you know, I was proud to be there.

have. Let's get the best pilot and do something that's nuts, that people haven't seen before."

**Do you have any phobias?**  
I'm a little bit afraid of heights and a little bit claustrophobic.

**And do you try to push those limits?**

Yeah, I think so. I think if something scares me and seems impossible and, you know, really hard, then that's like what I want to do. If it seems totally easy and I've done it before or have seen people do it, then I'm like, nah, boring.

**You have described yourself as a white trash kid. What does that mean exactly?**

You know, my parents didn't have that much money. I kind of grew up in the furniture auction business. I was just kind of a grubby kid, and I think a lot of kids in high school and junior high kind of looked down on me. I didn't have new fancy clothes all the time. Everything I had was like second hand. It's just a fact of life and I'm comfortable with it. It made me appreciate the stuff I've worked hard for now.

**Is that part of what drove you?**

Yeah, so my kids don't have to struggle like I did for a pretty

I've got bills and overhead just like everybody else. This place doesn't run for free and I have to work hard to keep it going. I think everybody automatically thinks, because you are on TV, you are like a billionaire with a cigarette extender and a monocle. People are paying a premium price to have a bike built personally by me, and that's what I love to do. Everything else is superficial.

You know I am still 100 percent in control of my Wal-Mart business and magazine and everything else. But for me, being a welder and a fabricator is first and foremost.

**You mentioned on "The Apprentice" that you had stopped drinking.**

I went out on my 30th birthday and got really [expletive]-faced one last time, and then that was it.

I'm pretty stubborn. Once I say I'm going to do something, I'm going to do it no matter what anybody says.

**Finally, how do you feel about those red carpet walks to support your wife?**

I don't walk on the red carpet. I fully know my place in life and it's not there (laughing). That's her job and her work. That's what she does. I have no desire to do any of that.

**"I work in Long Beach at my shop every day. I have the same friends I've had for 20 years and the only people I hang out with every day are other welders and workers. You know everybody thinks because my wife is a celebrity that automatically makes me super fancy, but that's not the case."**

**Were emotions among the contestants running as high as they were portrayed on "The Apprentice"?**

It was drama-rama. It was crazy. I think those people thought it was real life. They didn't realize it was just TV.

**Did you try to minimize the risk on "Dead Man"?**

No. Actually the only stuff I've said no to was stuff that I didn't think was dangerous enough. Some of the field producers are typical Hollywood dorks and they like, you know, want to do stuff that's pretty commonplace. Like, "We could go rent a jet, the jet for the Miley Cyrus movie." And I'd say, "[Expletive] no! Let's go to the military and get the biggest, baddest, fastest one that they

good part of my youth. Not that I want to spoil them, but I want them to know the value of a dollar. I want them to have experiences I didn't have.

**You have celebrity friends and a celebrity wife, Sandra Bullock, and you are a celebrity in your own right. Is that comfortable for you?**

Like the celebrity world? I work in Long Beach at my shop every day. I have the same friends I've had for 20 years and the only people I hang out with every day are other welders and workers. You know everybody thinks because my wife is a celebrity that automatically makes me super fancy, but that's not the case.

**You've basically made it, so what keeps you motivated?**



Discovery Channel

Jesse James walks off as the crop circler explodes on the TV show "Monster Garage." James, 40, is CEO of West Coast Choppers.

Despite fear of heights,  
**Jesse James loves risk**

## YOUR MONEY

## College students face new credit card cutoff

By TIM GRANT

Scripps Howard News Service

Credit card companies love college students.

They're either cramming their mailboxes with pre-approved offers or setting up booths on campus, offering free shirts to any undergrad who will sign on the dotted line.

"Banks have a certain idea that parents will bail them out, or they will graduate and get these really high-paying jobs and be able to handle the bill," said Linda Sherry, a spokeswoman for Consumer Action, a national consumer education and advocacy group based in San Francisco.

While credit card offers currently are easy to find on any campus and are available to almost anyone who is enrolled, it will become more difficult for college students to get a card six months from now.

A new law that goes into effect Feb. 22 will prohibit card issuers from lending to anyone under the age of 21 unless that person can prove he can make the payments or get a parent or guardian to co-sign.

The Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 will protect consumers against excessive and obscure fees and interest charges that have kept cardholders mired in debt despite their best efforts to dig themselves out. Among its features are strict rules for issuing cards to those under 21.

"If a student and (his) parents feel they can service the debt

or pay off the card in full each month, it might not be a bad idea to get one now because they'll lose the option after February," said Ben Woolsey, director of marketing and research for CreditCards.com in Austin, Texas.

A recent Sallie Mae survey showed that the average college student graduates with \$4,700 in credit card debt, which is a 62 percent increase over the 2004 figure of \$2,900. It also showed that 84 percent of all college students had at least one credit card and that students had, on average, 4.6 credit cards.

Not all students are aware of how easy it is to go into debt, how interest can work against them and how debt can affect their credit scores. Late payments can lead to high fees and higher interest rates. Maxing out the credit limit can hurt the same way.

Graduating seniors with big credit card bills not only have a high-interest burden to contend with, but they'll likely also have a lower credit score that will cause them to pay higher interest rates for any loan they might apply for and could even affect their ability to get certain jobs if credit scores are part of the selection process.

Rebekah Lynn, 19, a sophomore majoring in English literature and classics at the University of Pittsburgh, said her parents co-signed for her to receive a credit card at age 16. When she turned 18, however, they took their names off the account and gave her full responsibility.

"I only use it for gas, and I pay it off every month with my savings and my income from a research fellowship," she said of her \$1,000-limit credit card.



AP

Omar Guzman plants strawberries at Samascott's Orchard in Kinderhook, N.Y., in April. The American Farm Bureau estimates there are 11 million Americans in jobs that pay less than farm work.

## Down on the farm

Many Americans still have little interest in farm work

By DEEPTI HAJELA  
AND MICHAEL HILL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sleep is a rare commodity for Juan Cortez. Between nights spent clearing tables at a Manhattan nightclub and days running food to customers in a Bronx restaurant, the 42-year-old Peruvian immigrant worries more about finding time for shuteye than job security.

More than 100 miles to the north in the Hudson Valley, Omar Guzman also isn't concerned about staying employed. The 20-year-old migrant farm worker spends his summer days picking

peas and cherries, and by fall will be harvesting acres of apples.

Even with the unemployment rate above 9 percent, the nation's native-born jobless are looking at higher rungs of the labor market for their next career move. For immigrants like Cortez and Guzman, it means a degree of job security — but also more competition if they want to advance into jobs above bussers and barbacks, runners, dishwashers and crop hands.

The phenomenon of Americans shunning farm jobs is nothing new — the influx of Mexicans and other foreign-born workers to fill vacancies has fueled a long, sometimes contentious immigration debate. Those labor dynamics seem largely unchanged this year.

In one sign, farmers are still steadily applying for visas under the federal program designed to provide temporary farm workers where there are expected domestic labor shortages. Federal immigration officials received 5,574 so-called H-2A petitions from Oct. 1 through mid-June. The numbers could exceed the previous fiscal year if applications continue at the same pace.

"Even as rural unemployment increases, U.S. workers regard farm work as beneath them," said Jordan Wells, coordinator of the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. "Why do people work at McDonald's and not the farm? There's something about farm work that has been stigmatized."

Farmers like Ron Samascott in Kinderhook, N.Y., typically advertise available jobs before bringing in workers from other countries.

"I don't think we had any spouses," Samascott said.

The American Farm Bureau estimates there are 11 million

Americans in jobs that pay less than farm work. In a country where roughly eight out of 10 people live in urban areas, farm work is not an option for many of those low-wage workers. But the arduous work performed by more than a million people nationwide is unattractive to many job seekers.

Steve Rivera of Washingtonville, N.Y., a student at the State University of New York at Albany, has held jobs at the Gap and McDonald's, worked construction and on a golf course, but he never really considered working at a farm.

"I work at the garden center at Wal-Mart," said Rivera. "I'd probably get dirtier farming, so I just would not consider it."

While the field is seemingly wide open for immigrants willing to work those low-wage jobs, the competition heats up when it comes to moving up — or trying to do so.

Farm migrants around the country are having a harder time "stepping up" to better jobs as truck drivers, certified nursing assistants, child care workers and data entry workers. Now more native-born workers are scrambling for those jobs in the tough economy, said David Strauss, executive director of the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs.

Jim Bittner, manager of Singer Farms near the Lake Ontario shore north of Buffalo, has witnessed the effects — the return of migrant workers who had left to pursue better-paying jobs.

"We're seeing people come back that we haven't seen in a few years because they had drifted off to the Carolinas and Florida, where they worked construction," he said. "Those jobs no longer are there."

## EXCHANGE RATES

## Military rates

Japanese yen (Aug. 10)	93.00
South Korean won (Aug. 10)	1,196.00
Euro cents (Aug. 10)	\$1.4769
Dollar buys (Aug. 10)	€ 0.6771
British pound (Aug. 10)	\$1.72

## Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6668
Canada (Dollar)	1.0827
China (Yuan)	6.8328
Denmark (Krone)	5.2549
Egypt (Pound)	5.5357
Euro	\$1.4172/0.7056
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7506
Hungary (Forint)	189.54
Israel (Shekel)	3.9260
Japan (Yen)	97.63
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2868
Norway (Krone)	6.1298
Philippines (Peso)	47.92
Poland (Zloty)	2.89
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4407
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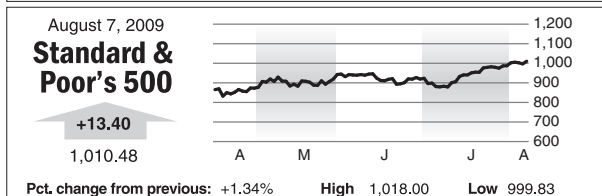
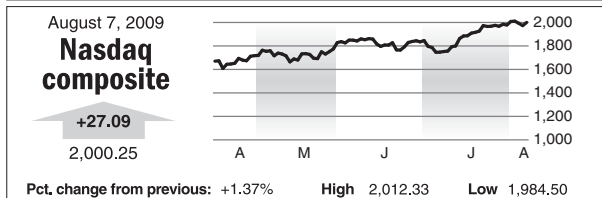
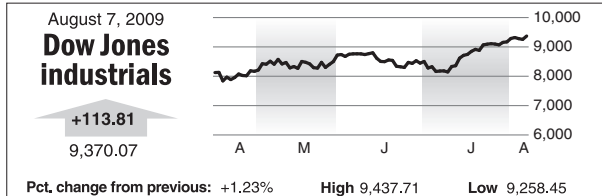
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## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.16
30-year bond	4.61

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

## A DAY ON WALL STREET



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# Beatles fans mark 'Abbey Road' anniversary

By RAPHAEL G. SATTER  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Hundreds of Beatles fans swarmed Abbey Road on Saturday, singing songs and snarling traffic to mark 40 years since John, Paul, George and Ringo strode across the leafy north London street and into the history books on iconic pop photos.

The famous photo graced the cover of the Fab Four's "Abbey Road," the last album recorded together and shows the bandmates walking purposefully across the zebra-striped asphalt.

It remains one of music's best-known album covers, endlessly imitated and parodied. Although the shoot itself only took a few minutes, so carefully studied was the cover for signs and symbolism that some die-hard fans

came to the conclusion that Paul McCartney — who appears barefoot and out of step with the rest — had secretly died.

McCartney himself made fun of the bizarre conspiracy in the title of his 1993 concert album, "Paul is Live."

Conspiracies aside, the ease with which fans can imitate the scene has drawn throngs of tourists to the site every day, turning the street into "a shrine to the Beatles," said Richard Porter, who owns the nearby Beatles Coffee Shop and organized Saturday's event.

Crowds spilled into the street, cameramen jostled for angles, and exasperated drivers honked their horns.

"I didn't expect so many people to be here," said German visitor Tschale Haas, 50, who was dressed in a Sgt. Pepper jacket.



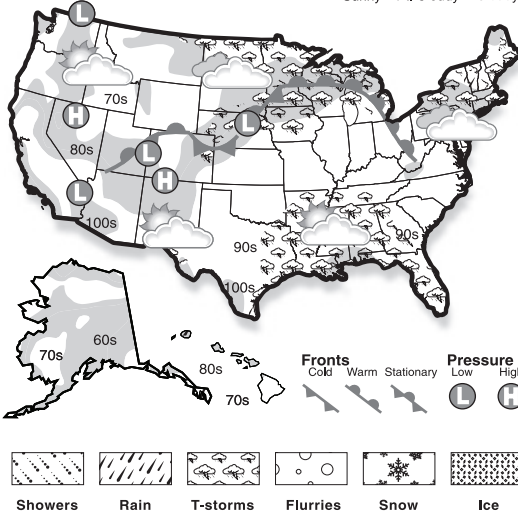
A tribute band dressed as members of the Beatles walks across the famous pedestrian crossing on Abbey Road in London in a recreation of the Beatles' famous album cover on Saturday.

SANG TAN/AP

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Aug. 9



### Front in Plains Provide Active Weather

A front moving through the Plains will instigate showers and thunderstorms, while precipitation will also move through the Northeast. Warm and dry weather is expected in the Southwest once again.

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### Sunday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather	La Paz, 57/29 rn
Amsterdam, 80/64 pc	Lima, 68/62 cdy
Athens, 87/75 clr	Lisbon, 77/62 clr
Auckland, 59/41 clr	London, 73/59 rn
Baghdad, 114/84 clr	Madrid, 94/66 clr
Basra, 119/89 clr	Managua, 91/75 rn
Bahrain, 103/92 clr	Manila, 87/80 rn
Bangkok, 88/80 rn	Mecca, 113/84 pc
Barbados, 88/81 pc	Melbourne, 60/39 rn
Barcelona, 87/72 clr	Mexico City, 77/55 rn
Beijing, 84/71 rn	Montevideo, 53/41 cdy
Beirut, 90/76 clr	Montreal, 71/57 rn
Belgrade, 79/64 rn	Moscow, 62/48 pc
Berlin, 82/60 clr	Nairobi, 68/57 pc
Bermuda, 88/81 rn	Nassau, 95/79 pc
Bogota, 65/50 pc	New Delhi, 100/78 pc
Brasilia, 82/48 clr	Nice, 79/70 clr
Brisbane, 72/49 clr	Osaka, 93/80 pc
Brussels, 79/64 pc	Oslo, 77/53 pc
Bucharest, 77/63 rn	Panama, 81/74 cdy
Budapest, 84/62 clr	Paris, 75/66 rn
Buenos Aires, 53/46 cdy	Perth, 68/42 pc
Cairo, 95/77 clr	Prague, 80/56 clr
Calgary, 66/43 clr	Rio de Janeiro, 77/69 pc
Caracas, 91/80 pc	Rome, 89/66 clr
Colombo, 86/82 pc	San Jose, 80/67 rn
Copenhagen, 77/61 clr	San Juan, 90/80 rn
Dhahran, 114/87 clr	San Salvador, 87/69 rn
Dhaka, 92/81 rn	Santiago, 57/36 pc
Dili, 90/72 clr	Sao Paulo, 76/60 cdy
Dubai, 111/93 clr	Sapporo, 80/67 cdy
Dublin, 66/52 pc	Seoul, 82/71 rn
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Helsinki, 78/51 rn	Tehran, 114/78 clr
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Islamabad, 97/77 pc	Tokyo, 87/77 rn
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Jakarta, 90/73 clr	Toronto, 70/59 clr
Jerusalem, 92/69 clr	Tunis, 93/68 clr
Johannesburg, 67/42 pc	Valletta, 88/72 clr
Kabul, 89/68 clr	Vancouver, 67/59 cdy
Kiev, 67/59 rn	Vienna, 82/61 clr
Kuala Lumpur, 93/74 pc	Warsaw, 77/59 clr
Kuwait, 116/86 clr	Zurich, 84/55 clr

## MONDAY'S FORECAST



Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

### Sunday's U.S. temperatures

City Hi Lo Precip Weather	Casper 85/51 .15 cdy	Erie 73/60 rn	Jacksonville 90/73 cdy	Montgomery 94/73 cdy	Richmond 85/68 cdy	Spokane 66/54 .01 cdy
Abilene, Tex. 99/76 clr	Charleston, S.C. 89/72 .02 clr	Eugene 67/46 cdy	Juneau 66/53 .01 rn	Nashville 90/70 clr	Roanoke 82/65 cdy	Springfield, Ill. 79/74 .17 cdy
Akron, Ohio 80/65 cdy	Charleston, W.Va. 81/64 cdy	Evansville 85/69 cdy	Kansas City 94/79 clr	New Orleans 94/81 rn	Rochester 72/52 cdy	Springfield, Mo. 90/73 clr
Albany, N.Y. 77/48 clr	Charlotte, N.C. 88/71 cdy	Fairbanks 72/57 .01 cdy	Key West 91/85 cdy	New York City 79/63 cdy	Rockford 69/67 1.10 rn	Syracuse 74/50 cdy
Albuquerque 94/65 clr	Chattanooga 93/70 cdy	Fargo 72/66 rn	Knoxville 87/67 clr	Newark 83/61 cdy	Sacramento 85/58 clr	Tallahassee 95/74 cdy
Allentown, Pa. 78/55 cdy	Cheyenne 87/56 cdy	Flagstaff 76/36 clr	Lake Charles 94/77 rn	Norfolk, Va. 81/69 cdy	St. Louis 89/76 clr	Tampa 91/76 .10 cdy
Amarillo 96/72 clr	Chicago 73/67 .34 rn	Flint 77/62 .18 rn	Lansing 78/61 .40 rn	North Platte 89/64 cdy	St. Petersburg 91/80 .10 cdy	Toledo 79/64 rn
Anchorage 64/50 cdy	Cincinnati 80/66 cdy	Fort Smith 93/75 clr	Las Vegas 91/72 clr	Oklahoma City 94/75 clr	St. Thomas 93/81 clr	Topeka 94/80 clr
Asheville 83/62 cdy	Cleveland 80/68 rn	Fort Wayne 76/64 .01 cdy	Lexington 81/68 cdy	Omaha 93/78 .04 clr	Salem, Ore. 67/54 .01 cdy	Tucson 103/73 clr
Atlanta 91/73 cdy	Colorado Springs 87/67 cdy	Fresno 84/65 clr	Lincoln 97/81 clr	Orlando 92/78 cdy	Salt Lake City 77/54 .04 rn	Tulsa 99/79 clr
Atlantic City 82/61 cdy	Columbia, S.C. 93/74 cdy	Goodland 100/63 cdy	Little Rock 92/74 cdy	Paducah 88/72 cdy	San Angelo 98/75 clr	Tupelo 92/71 cdy
Austin 102/77 cdy	Columbus, Ga. 93/72 .24 cdy	Grand Junction 93/52 clr	Los Angeles 79/63 clr	Pendleton 68/57 .54 cdy	San Antonio 102/78 clr	Waco 102/78 clr
Baltimore 82/64 cdy	Columbus, Ohio 81/66 cdy	Grand Rapids 79/62 .35 rn	Louisville 82/68 cdy	Peoria 75/72 .84 cdy	San Diego 74/67 cdy	Washington, D.C. 86/69 cdy
Baton Rouge 96/74 rn	Concord, N.H. 78/45 clr	Great Falls 65/47 .32 cdy	Lubbock 98/74 clr	Philadelphia 82/67 cdy	San Francisco 69/57 cdy	W.Palm Beach 95/77 cdy
Billings 76/55 .17 rn	Corpus Christi 98/78 cdy	Green Bay 71/63 .80 rn	Macon 95/70 cdy	Phoenix 102/76 clr	San Jose 75/58 cdy	Wichita 98/77 clr
Birmingham 91/72 clr	Dallas-Ft. Worth 98/79 clr	Greensboro, N.C. 86/70 cdy	Madison 72/66 .34 rn	Pittsburgh 79/65 cdy	San Juan, P.R. 90/82 clr	Wichita Falls 100/76 clr
Bismarck 72/65 .15 rn	Dayton 79/66 .01 cdy	Harrisburg 80/64 cdy	Medford 70/50 cdy	Pocatello 71/48 cdy	Santa Fe 91/57 clr	Wilkes-Barre 77/50 cdy
Boise 59/52 .66 cdy	Daytona Beach 90/76 cdy	Hartford Spgfld 80/52 clr	Memphis 92/75 cdy	Portland, Maine 77/51 .07 clr	St. Ste Marie 72/55 cdy	Wilmington, Del. 81/64 cdy
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Caribou, Maine 71/47 cdy	Elkins 77/58 cdy	Jackson, Miss. 93/74 cdy	Mobile 92/75 .02 cdy	Reno 69/53 clr	South Bend 76/64 .16 cdy	

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## Why no help for retirees?

It was with great annoyance that I read the July 24 article "They can't get by" (Korea edition).

The U.S. Forces Korea commander, Gen. Walter Sharp, is trying to make it easier for dependent spouses to find employment here in South Korea. What a wonderful gesture!

Let me throw a different light on this topic. The Filipina bar girl I bought drinks for seven years ago (maybe longer) is now married and a dependent spouse. She is now a dependent spouse and Sharp wants to make it easier for her to find work.

I, on the other hand, served 20 years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force, retired and remained in South Korea, and Contracting Command Korea turned down my status-of-forces-agreement status (mine and about 86 other Defense Department contractors') last year because we were "ordinarily resident" in South Korea at the time we were hired. Most of us lost our jobs as a result of this action.

I am certainly glad to hear that Sharp has his priorities well in order!

Tech. Sgt. Charles Lacy (retired)  
Songtan, South Korea

## Patch policy 'ill-conceived'

I was recently informed of the policy requiring soldiers to wear the combat patch of that unit. Presumably, the purpose is to instill some pride and cohesion for a unit that is composed of a variety of smaller units.

However, I wear the patch of the 101st Airborne Division as my combat patch, which I earned during two previous deployments. During these combat operations, I witnessed great heroics and tragedies by other brave men wearing the same patch.

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When I consider taking off the patch I have so proudly worn, the most stirring memory I have is when my sergeant major was killed. I was the medic with the platoon sent to secure the site and the body. Insurgents had torn the patches and flag off of his uniform, and we did not leave until we found all of them. It gave us strength, knowing that we had restored the dignity of our fallen leader.

Every day when I put on the Screaming Eagle, I do it for him and other warriors who have died. To put a policy in effect in direct conflict with Army Regulation 670-1 and the Multi-National Corps—Iraq's policy memo regarding uniform wear (both state that the wear of a combat patch is the individual soldier's choice) is something I have to protest. It goes against every fiber

of my being to submit to this policy, but I have been told, essentially, to do it or my career might be at stake.

This treatment scares me, as I am interested in displaying my pride in the unit I went to war with and remaining in the Army.

I feel that by submitting to this ill-conceived policy, I will be giving up an option that is, by regulation and policy, mine.

Pfc. Dirk Dieters  
Camp Speicher, Iraq

## 'What is racial profiling?'

In reference to "Seeing black and seeing red: Prism of race ruled" (Opinion, Wil Haygood, July 24): I can understand the uneasiness of blacks who feel they are victims of police abuse because of their race.

But I ask myself: "What is racial profiling?" When a police officer responds to a report of a man forcibly entering a house in the early-morning hours, is this racial profiling only when a black man is involved?

In February 1995, while taking my mother from Ohio to Georgia after my sister's death, I was driving slowly through my mother's neighborhood at 2:30 a.m. I was stopped by a police officer, who asked me for identification and [an explanation as to] what I was doing in the area at that time of night or early morning. I gave him my ID and explained that I was taking my mother home from my sister's funeral in Ohio. He told me that he stopped me because I was driving slowly through the neighborhood. I explained that I did not know the location of my mother's house and that my 68-year-old mother was confused by the darkness and was unsure.

He told me to be careful and sent me on my way.

Claude Hunter

Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

## New GI Bill expands a critical mission

Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram editorial

Amid the agonizing realities of war — death and maiming; horrible emotional and psychological scars; severe hardships on families and loved ones — a nation is compelled to grapple with ways in which it can repay its debt to those who have sacrificed so much toward protecting their fellow citizens and preserving our precious democratic republic.

"The contributions that our servicemen and women can make to this nation do not end when they take off that uniform," President Barack Obama said last Monday in announcing the launch of a new comprehensive GI Bill. "We owe a debt to all who serve. And when we repay that debt to those bravest Americans among us, then we are investing in our future — not just their future, but the future of the country."

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt understood that when creating the first GI Bill, under which almost 8 million Americans were educated. In addition to the hun-

dreds of thousands of doctors, scientists, engineers and nurses who benefited under the legislation, Obama noted that the bill helped prepare "three presidents, three Supreme Court justices, 14 Nobel Prize winners and two dozen Pulitzer Prize winners."

The latest legislation ... is known as the post-9-11 GI Bill and goes farther than any similar measure that preceded it. Iraq and Afghanistan military personnel who served after Sept. 11, 2001, will be provided free college education at any state school.

Benefits under the bill would also apply to National Guard members and reservists who were mobilized for duty. Many veterans will also be able to transfer their unused benefits to a spouse or a child.

"And we are including those who pay the ultimate price," Obama said, "by making this benefit available to the children of those who lost their life in service to this country."

Veterans have 15 years to complete the

program after active duty.

The government expects to spend more than \$75 billion over the life of the bill, just over an estimated \$7 billion of it in the first year. While that is a lot of money, the dollar cost is a small price to pay for the immeasurable contributions and the unselfish dedication of the outstanding men and women who volunteered their service for this country.

Few anticipated at the beginning of either of the current wars that they would have lasted so long, subjected so many military personnel to multiple tours of duty or that the physical and mental toll would have been so great. Of course, the one sure thing about war is its unpredictability.

What must never be unpredictable is how servicemembers will be treated on their return from war. They must never be rejected or abandoned, and they must always be given the respect and opportunity they are due. We owe them that. The new GI Bill is just another payment on that debt.

By GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION/OMBUDSMAN

## Bombs, bullets and ballots in Afghanistan

Los Angeles Times editorial

Holding an election in a country at war is always a risky proposition, but perhaps more so in developing Afghanistan, where 70 percent of the population is illiterate, voter registration is problematic, and ballots for presidential and provincial council races reach remote areas by donkey. Taliban insurgents active in nearly half the country have called for a boycott of the Aug. 20 vote, a message they drove home last week with a rocket barrage on Kabul, the capital. Many Afghans who are fed up with the corrupt and

ineffective government they got when they chose President Hamid Karzai in the first post-Taliban election five years ago wonder if voting is worth the risk this time. And yet an assessment by the independent International Crisis Group is correct that the "least bad option" would be for the Afghan government to proceed with the election on time and to try to ensure as credible a result as possible.

Despite widespread public frustration, Karzai is the front-runner in a field of about 40 candidates, and he is hoping to avoid a runoff by attracting more than 50 percent of the votes. That is, if the election hap-

pens; many Afghans fear Karzai will postpone it. Such worries are fueled by polls showing Karzai has lost ground to former government ministers Abdullah Abdullah and Ashraf Ghani. ... Yet postponement is unlikely. ...

Karzai was seen as Washington's favored candidate in 2004, and many Afghans believe the Obama administration would have prevented him from running again if that weren't still the case. In fact, U.S. officials have cooled to Karzai and made a point of meeting with other candidates as well. U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry asserted "absolute impartiality" and pledged

that the U.S. government will work with whichever candidate wins.

The main challenge of the election will be to limit fraud and convince Afghans that the process is legitimate so that they keep coming back to the polls. ... With few international observers to monitor the polls, it will be up to the candidates' supporters to watch for fraud in the voting and ballot count. Given all the uncertainties, the best outcome for building confidence in fair elections might be for Karzai to end up in a runoff. That might help convince Afghans that they, not Washington, picked the winner.

## Editors ought to keep their readers in the loop

Readers who turned to the Op-Ed page the past few Mondays expecting to find the longstanding feature pairing columnists Arianna Huffington and Ann Coulter found something else in its stead, like this column.



## OMBUDSMAN

Mark J. Prendergast

What's up, a number have asked. My response is this column. Those who have written directly to Stars and Stripes have received the following from the senior managing editor, Howard Witt:

*Thanks for your inquiry regarding the discontinuation of the regular left/right columnist feature pitting Ann*

*Coulter against Arianna Huffington. I decided to cancel this arrangement because I felt both columnists had become stale, predictable, utterly tiresome caricatures of what thoughtful political commentators should be. In their place, we are endeavoring to publish a broad selection of smarter, richer, deeper commentaries by columnists — from both the left and the right — who are more interested in making cogent arguments than throwing provocative ad hominem bombs intended to further their own book sales, Web sites and public media personas.*

Coulter dismisses Witt's rationale as "a stale, predictable, utterly tiresome caricature of what all left-wingers say about the most popular conservative columnist in America" — a reference to herself — but that "he's right about Arianna's columns — they are stale and predictable."

She also challenged Stripes to conduct an online poll to see how readers feel. [See my stripes.com blog for more of her comments.] Huffington did not respond to a similar e-mailed query from me.

It's not my place to say which columnists Stars and Stripes should or should not publish, but I do lament Huffington-Coulter's passing in one important respect: The feature gave two women prominence on Stripes' Op-Ed page, a place at most newspapers where women have long and notably been underrepresented. I hope the paper will keep that in mind when choosing their replacements.

Many newspapers try to erect a wall between their news pages, whose purpose is to tell people what they should know, and their opinion pages, whose purpose is to tell them what they should think.

That wall by necessity may not be as formidable as I would like it to be at Stripes, given its relatively small and dispersed staff. But senior executives ought to try to make it as high and as strong as they can. Stripes, after all, is owned by the government, a cause for special concern and constant vigilance, especially in the realm of bias and opinion and news getting tangled

up with agendas.

To try to avoid conflicts, the editorials, columns and cartoons published by Stripes are all gathered from outside sources and are supposed to provide an overseas audience with a representative range of views prevalent back home.

Stripes writes no editorials of its own and has only one Op-Ed columnist on staff — the ombudsman, whose duty by law is to monitor Stripes for journalistic independence, balance, integrity and professionalism and to sound the alarm if any appear jeopardized.

For months now, Stripes' staff has been undergoing a reorganization. That process has included creation of a new post, senior managing editor, which Witt came to Stars and Stripes to fill around June 1. It is a powerful position, No. 2 in the newsroom, that concentrates authority over and hands-on management of all news-editorial operations.

I find it troubling that its mandate extends to the opinions that Stars and Stripes publishes on its Op-Ed pages, even if they are those of outside journalists.

I emphasize that I am not questioning Witt's integrity, just the wisdom of investing any one person with the power to decide both what is news and which opinions on the news are expressed.

Perhaps Stripes' top management should reconsider the breadth of that portfolio, lest the door be opened to critics who would use it to challenge the objectivity of Stripes' reporting or the neutrality of its choices in opinion pieces.

Op-Ed columns are among a newspaper's most scrutinized features because their very premise is argument — making one, or inspiring one. It is said that a columnist's job is neither to be loved nor loathed but to be read, and there is some truth in that.

Columnists, whose pictures often accompany their work, also have a much greater personal connection with readers than do reporters, whose bylines are large-

ly skimmed over unless a particular story moves someone.

Adding or dropping columnists can be a big deal for readers, whether they love them, hate them, or just love to hate them. Although editors have every right to decide what and whom to publish (or not), reader sentiments should be part of the equation. Especially these days, when newspapers are shedding readers. Especially with prominent columnists with followings. Especially when they are part of a regular, longstanding feature like Huffington-Coulter, which drew dozens of letters to the editor over the years.

Stripes readers should have at least gotten a heads-up.

On June 3, I wrote about changes to the weather page that had sparked reader complaints — and the absence of any published explanation. The editor responsible allowed that he had meant to publish a note but that it had slipped off his to-do list among myriad other tasks. I thought that Stripes would be more forthcoming with its readers after that.

Witt, however, sees such notes as problematic. "We add and drop columnists and other features all the time and I did not want to create a precedent by which we have to explain every such decision," Witt told me via e-mail about his Huffington-Coulter decision, adding that he does not want to feel "compelled ... to explain what are, in essence, subjective editorial decisions."

I disagree. Our readers are the only reason Stars and Stripes exists. We are here to serve them, and one important way to do that is to show them the courtesy of explaining significant changes that may puzzle or irritate them, like the dropping of a longtime, high-profile feature.

It was especially baffling to me that Stars and Stripes published a letter July 31 (Aug. 3 in Pacific editions) asking why Huffington-Coulter was not in the previous two Monday papers — and didn't provide an answer. I don't know whether the let-

ter writer got a personal reply, but once a paper publishes such a question, it ought to publish an answer as well, for the benefit of all.

Journalists who came of age before the 21st century are not accustomed to explaining themselves to anyone, let alone faceless, anonymous readers. That was journalism's "voice of God" era, when audiences were defined (and confined) by geography and news organizations simply dispensed news and views to people with few alternatives.

Well, that era is over. Journalism is moving from monologue to dialogue as audiences become empowered by their newfound digital reach. Savvy news organizations, scrambling to survive a host of cultural, generational, technological and economic challenges, are coming to understand the need to be more responsive. Hence, they are becoming more transparent and in touch.

Journalists, advertisers and readers can track what stories and features are most popular online. Editors and reporters now regularly discuss their work with readers via chats and blogs on their organizations' Web sites or interact with them via e-mail, on-site forums or off-site venues like Twitter.

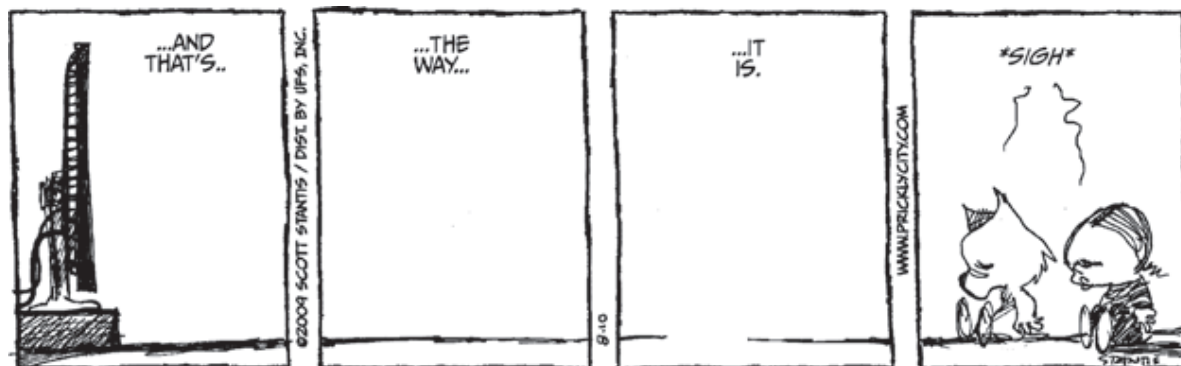
Yes, there is a danger of going too far and applying entertainment values to journalism — "pandering to the mob," it's called — but Stars and Stripes is a long way from that.

And if this episode is any indication of Stripes' new direction, it also has a long way to go in reaching out to its readers to let them know that it cares about what they think and what they expect when they do us the honor of picking up a copy of Stars and Stripes.

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## Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS





## Computer glitch threatens renters

**NY** NEW YORK — A rent-calculation error at the New York City Housing Authority has threatened hundreds of families with eviction.

Families whose sole income is public assistance were overcharged between \$50 and \$200 a month.

Some went into debt — borrowing money to pay the extra rent between September and May. Some were taken to Housing Court when they couldn't pay.

Housing officials say no families have been evicted because of the problem. They say the computer problem is being fixed, and residents will be reimbursed.

## Body of missing skydiver identified by state police

**VA** WEST POINT — State Police have identified the body of a man killed in a skydiving accident.

Command Sgt. Major Harry Parrish, 53, of Fort Meade, Md., was found near Middle Peninsula Regional Airport, not far from the town of West Point, about 40 miles east of Richmond.

State Police Sgt. Thomas Molnar said Parrish was on a civilian training exercise.

Parrish went missing after jumping from the plane. Molnar said the Federal Aviation Administration has been notified of the death.

## Woman sentenced for drunken breast-feeding

**ND** GRAND FORKS — A North Dakota woman accused of breast-feeding her 6-week-old baby while drunk has been ordered to get treatment that could help her avoid jail.

Stacey Anvarinia pleaded guilty to child neglect in June. She told Judge Sonja Clapp at her sentencing that she knew what she did was wrong and she is working hard to get her daughter back.

The 26-year-old was arrested Feb. 13 after police answering a domestic disturbance call at her Grand Forks home saw her breast-feeding the baby.

The case grabbed international attention and stirred debate about breast-feeding, alcohol and privacy.

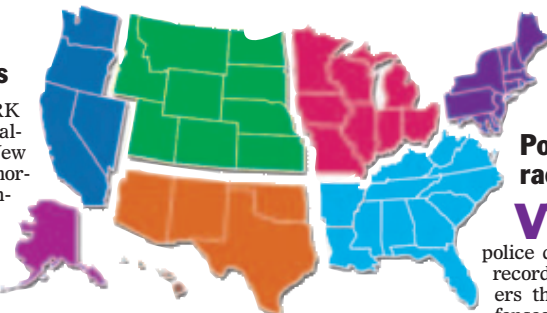
Clapp sentenced Anvarinia to 18 months in jail with all but six months suspended and said Anvarinia could get credit for chemical dependency treatment.

## Mom charged in son's reckless endangerment

**MA** LOWELL — A woman charged with locking her 3-year-old son in a filthy, sweltering attic had been arrested previously for assault and battery with a knife.

Kirsten Paquette, 27, was arraigned on charges of reckless endangerment to a child and assault and battery on a child. She was held on \$10,000 bail.

Her family and attorney portrayed the Lowell woman as an overwhelmed mother dealing with an especially unruly child. That child's siblings told police,



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

"Mommy does this when she gets angry."

### DA: Homicide charge unlikely in bus crash

**TX** SHERMAN — Texas law enforcement officials say the driver in a charter bus crash that killed 17 people likely won't be charged with anything except misdemeanor traffic violations.

Fifty-three-year-old Barrett Broussard of Houston was driving 55 passengers to an event for Vietnamese Catholics in Missouri when the bus blew a retreaded tire and skidded off a bridge in Sherman. Federal regulations prohibit retreats from being used on buses' front axles.

### Plane makes emergency landing after takeoff

**FL** WEST PALM BEACH — An American Airlines flight bound for Dallas-Fort Worth turned around shortly after takeoff from West Palm Beach, Fla., after the pilot reported engine trouble.

Palm Beach International Airport spokeswoman Casandra Davis said 141 passengers and crewmembers were aboard American Flight 1473. Davis said the pilot landed the aircraft safely at the airport.

Tim Wagner, a spokesman for Fort Worth-based American, said Flight 1473 spent about six minutes in the air before landing.

Wagner said passengers were

booked on another flight for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

### Police collecting racial arrest data

**VT** BURLINGTON — Four Vermont police departments have been recording the race of the drivers they stop for traffic offenses in cooperation with a community group concerned about racial profiling. Chittenden County State's Attorney T.J. Donovan convened the first meeting with Uncommon Alliance in May 2007.

After a series of meetings, officers from Burlington, South Burlington, Winooski and the University of Vermont agreed to begin collecting the data, which will be publicized and analyzed next year.

Winooski Chief Steve McQueen told The Burlington Free Press that the goal is to look at minority contacts with police, build relationships with community groups and address any concerns that officers might be making stops based on race.

### Disneyland hotel workers reject contract offer

**CA** ANAHEIM — Disneyland hotel workers have rejected a contract offer from Walt Disney Co. because of a dispute over health care premiums.

Union spokeswoman Paulina Gonzalez said that more than 90 percent of voting union members rejected the contract.

She said the union has not ruled out a strike of its 2,100 members at the Paradise Piers, Disneyland and Grand California hotels.

The union has been without a contract for 18 months.

### Elderly man dies after suffering burns at home

**NY** SHIRLEY — Police on Long Island said a 76-year-old man died after suffering burns at his home in Shirley.

Police said Joseph Palermo, Jr. was found unconscious on his bedroom floor by a family member. Palermo, who uses oxygen, had burns on his face and clothing and a nearby chair was also burned.

He was taken to Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

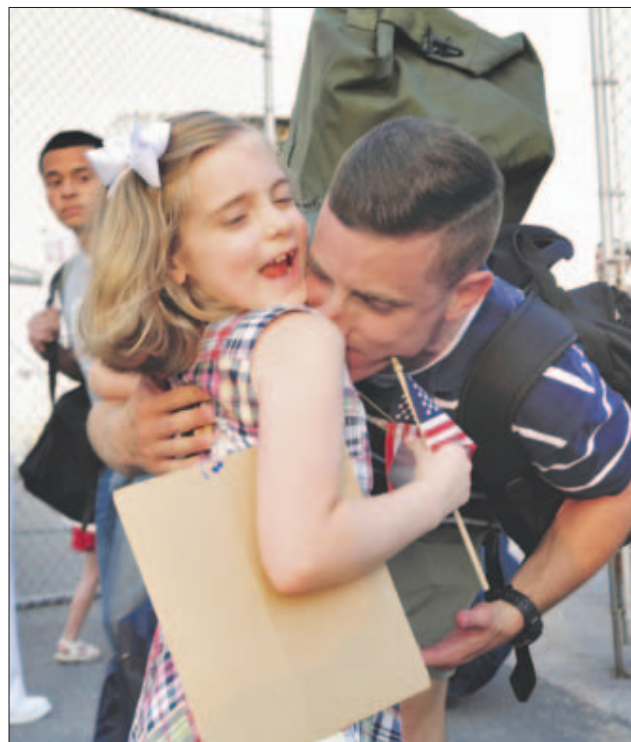
### Police: Woman aimed to steal baby, kill mom

**TX** AUSTIN — A Texas woman remained jailed after falsely claiming she was pregnant and trying to kidnap a baby and kill the child's mother, police said.

Forty-year-old Margarita Nino's plan was foiled by a Zavala County sheriff's deputy who pulled her over for speeding as she fled toward Mexico with the baby and his mother in the car, authorities said.

The deputy detained the baby boy and his mother, 34-year-old Blanca Zacarias, because she did not have identification on her.

Once separated from Nino, Zacarias said she had been kidnapped, police said. Nino, who returned home, was arrested by Austin police. Nino was booked into the Travis County Jail on two felony kidnapping charges.



### Homecoming

Fiona Lyons hugs her dad, Lt. Cmdr. James Lyons, after he arrived on the USNS Comfort at the Canton Pier in Baltimore, Md., after more than four months on a humanitarian mission.



### Hot diggity

Kody Stolorthy, 7, and his sister, Paige Bundy, 5, enjoy hotdogs in the food court at the Douglas County Fair in Roseburg, Ore.



### Shop till you drop

Children's clothes and shoes await buyers during West Virginia's largest yard sale in Buckhannon, W.Va. More people than ever are participating from as far away as Pennsylvania and Ohio in bargain hunting that spans more than 150 yards in two counties.



### Liftoff

A low-altitude rocket glider lifts off from the New Mexico Spaceport in Upham, N.M.





**Feeding time** Olivia Reynolds, 11, helps with chores at the family farm in Alburgh, Vt. She helps feed the farm animals, including the calves.



**Lollapalooza** A music fan listens during the Gaslight Anthem performance at the Lollapalooza 2009 music festival in Chicago.



**One great catch** White Marlin Open staff members handle a record blue marlin caught by Bob Farris of Charlotte, N.C., during the 36th annual White Marlin Tournament in Ocean City, Md. Farris broke a 20-year-old Maryland record when he snagged a blue marlin that weighed 1,062 pounds. The weight exceeds the previous record by more than 100 pounds.

## Michigan flight lands safely after alert

**NY** ROCHESTER — A flight carrying 50 people from Detroit to Rochester, N.Y., landed safely after a sensor indicated that a fire extinguisher in the plane's cargo bay went off.

Authorities said Northwest Airlines Flight 2903 was about 30 miles outside Rochester on approach when an indicator alerted the crew of a possible problem in the cargo hold.

The flight was being operated by Memphis, Tenn.-based Pinnacle Airlines Inc.

Company spokesman Joe Williams said it's unclear whether the extinguisher went off or whether the indicator is faulty.

Greater Rochester International Airport director David Damelio said the plane landed a few minutes ahead of schedule.

## State asks for memories of Hurricane Camille

**VA** RICHMOND — Virginia officials want to hear from residents who were around 40 years ago when Hurricane Camille killed 153 people in the state.

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management is collecting memories of the storm and its aftermath. Submissions will be posted on virginiaemergency.com.

Twenty-seven inches of rain fell when the tropical depression that turned into Hurricane Camille hit Virginia on Aug. 19 and 20, 1969. Nelson, Rockbridge, Amherst, Albemarle and Fluvanna counties were hit the hardest.

Residents can submit their thoughts and photos on the Web site.

## Police: Texas man used 5-month-old as shield

**MI** MONITOR TOWNSHIP — Bay County police said a man was Tasered and faces felony charges after he resisted arrest and threatened to break a baby's neck.

Authorities said 26-year-old Jose Garcia, of Edcouch, Texas, was holding his 5-month-old niece and sitting in a vehicle when they responded to a retail fraud complaint in Monitor Township.

Police said Garcia, who is wanted in Texas and Michigan, used the child as a shield after officers discovered his identity.

Police told The Bay City Times that Garcia said, "I will kill this baby; I will break its neck."

The infant was not harmed.

## Roofer falls 30 feet from New Hampshire home

**NH** MERRIMACK — Firefighters said a 70-year-old roofer working on a house in Merrimack, N.H., fell about 30 feet and landed on his back.

Assistant Fire Chief Dave Parenti said Robert Fellows of Boston, was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua for treatment of injuries that were not life-threatening.

The Telegraph reported that Fellows, who works for a Massachusetts roofing company, was up on the house when he apparently slipped.

## Retired Air Force colonel convicted by grand jury

**FL** PENSACOLA — A retired Air Force lieutenant colo-

nel was convicted of destroying records and lying to a grand jury in connection with defense contracts awarded by a military research lab in Florida.

Richard Schaller was accused in a 31-count indictment of helping another retired Air Force lieutenant colonel who worked at the Air Force Research Laboratory on Eglin Air Force Base steer contracts to Schaller's company. That man, Mark O'Hair, had previously pleaded guilty to federal charges of false statements and engaging in a conflict of interest.

## Tall ship grounded at Cape Cod is freed

**MA** BOSTON — A tall ship grounded on rocks off Cape Cod during a sail training trip for young women has been freed by a tug.

No one was hurt when the 118-foot-long Unicorn got stuck near an island off Falmouth on the southern coast of Massachusetts.

The Coast Guard removed nine teenagers and a chaperone from the Asbury, N.J.-based schooner while six members of the all-female crew stayed aboard to help.

A tug freed the ship and towed it to Martha's Vineyard, the popular summer vacation spot where "Jaws" was filmed. Unicorn co-owner Dawn Santamaria said it's moored safely. A dive team plans to check its hull for damage.

The Unicorn was on a six-day trip from Boston to Newport, R.I.

The cause of its grounding is under investigation.

## Fairfax County to host 2015 games event

**VA** FAIRFAX — Fairfax County has beat out two Canadian cities to host the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

Fairfax, Toronto and Winnipeg were the three finalist locations for the athletic event that's expected to draw more than 10,000 competitors to participate in about 60 activities.

World Police and Fire Games president Mike Graham said organizers plan to hold the opening ceremonies at Nationals Park. He said George Mason University will be home to many of the sporting events and that the National Rifle Association headquarters will host a shooting event.

Founded in 1985 by the California Police Athletic Federation, the games are held every two years for police officers, firefighters and customs and corrections officers.

## Google search available in Hawaiian language

**HI** HILO — Google users can now use the popular Internet search engine in the Hawaiian language.

Web surfers can find the option, "Huli ia Google," or "search Google," on Apple's Safari browser, thanks to a project by a University of Hawaii at Hilo professor.

Keola Donaghy of the Ke Haka Ula O Keelikolani College of Hawaiian Language said he spent about 100 hours translating "strings" — words, sentences or paragraphs used by Google's search engine.

The Hawaiian version of Google provides search instructions in the language, but results are still in English.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

Mars and Saturn square off, bringing about feisty moods and a variety of temper tantrums. These two powerful planets have been working toward this aspect since July 31 and the effects of the square will continue to be felt through this week. Instead of resisting the fight, treat the goings-on like a game and get into the spirit of it.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 10).

You will make noble moves and will be lauded for your quality character. This month, you'll overcome the competition in your personal life. There's a bit of an intense work streak in October, which helps you make a large sum of money. Love is sheer poetry this year and especially magical through the winter. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Finding a groove requires a bit of patience, so don't be too quick to dismiss what doesn't immediately work. It will take a moment for things to click in. Keep your mind open to possibility.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your heartstrings will get a tug today. It could be a poignant movie or a scene in real life that touches your heart. There's a reason you're seeing this. You could make a decision based on the feelings that come up.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Ask your friends to connect you with their friends. They will be happy to do so as long as they see the benefit in it for all involved. What's at stake? Fun, adventure, romance and maybe a big sale.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You know you're with someone who gets you when you don't have to explain yourself. Intimate communication is subtle communication. Without many words or questions, you get right to the heart of the matter.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You get down to business quickly. No one has to scare you with a deadline or by letting you know that the one in charge is keeping tabs on your activities. You're

self-motivated and that's the secret of your success.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll be going somewhere to answer a calling. As you journey on, try not to let the details slow you down. There will be more important things that need your attention once you get there.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You have vices and you have virtues. Those who observe you will understand right away what's great about you, so you don't have to tell them. As for the vices, it's none of their business so don't advertise those either.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** It pays to ask yourself some tough questions. For starters, are you really looking at the big picture? If so, are you seeing the kind of life that you would want to create for yourself? A slight change can make a big difference.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're being too tough on yourself. Get on your own side. Stop dwelling on what you did wrong and think of all the things you did right. And you'll do more good today once you shake off that critical mood.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll be negotiating. You're in a better position when you don't really need the thing you're bargaining for. Be ready and willing — almost eager — to walk away from the deal. That's when you'll make the right arrangement.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** What you're offering the world is a complete package. You are whole just as you are. Remind yourself of that often as you go about your day. Your confidence attracts new friends.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Stay centered and focused on what you want. Your resources are abundant. And whatever it is you don't have, there are many people who will help you if you ask. When you're not afraid to lose, you'll win.

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## Holiday Mathis



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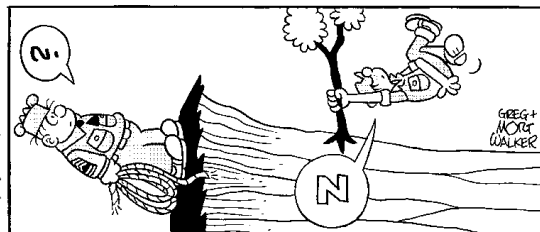
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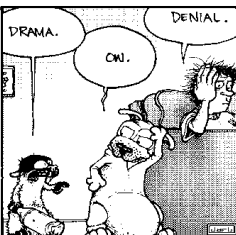
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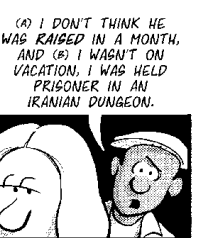
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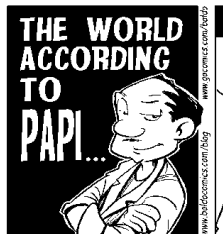
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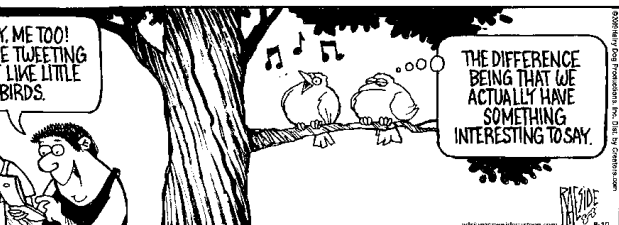
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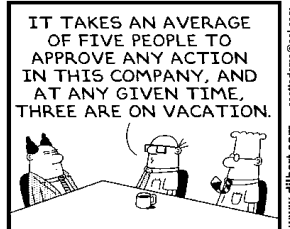
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## In-law's fish fib reveals much

**Dear Abby:** Two weeks ago, I went on a fishing trip with my father-in-law. It was great. I caught the biggest fish of my life. I kept it so I could have it mounted when I returned home.

When we arrived back at my in-laws', my father-in-law took the fish out of the cooler and claimed he had caught it. At first, I thought he was joking, but now he's planning on having the fish mounted!

I didn't want to make him look bad in front of his daughter and his wife, but I am furious. My wife thinks I'm overreacting, but this really is the big one that got away. Should I confront him and call his bluff?

## — Something's Fishy in New York

*Dear Something's Fishy: If you were going to confront your father-in-law, you should have done so as soon as he took credit*

*for catching your fish. Instead of being "furious," be grateful that you now have a clear insight into the man's character. That he would lie about something like this calls into question anything that has ever — or will ever — come out of his mouth.*

**Dear Abby:** My 8-year-old nephew was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. He has made amazing progress with therapy and is as advanced so he is practically functioning at his age level.

Our entire family has teamed up and joined a charity that raises money for autism. We have devoted our time and energy to this important cause. My sister (my nephew's mother) refuses to get involved! She says she is "too busy."

We all work and have other activities, yet we still make time to devote to this cause.

She doesn't work and has no other responsibilities outside her family that prohibit her from participating.

She says raising money isn't something she likes to do.

I don't have much time for it either, but our family **MAKES** the time because this cause is important to us.

It makes me furious that she won't help raise money for her own child's disorder. How can I talk to her about this without seeming confrontational?

### — Raising Money in Florida

*Dear Raising Money: I urge you to refrain from doing so. For heaven's sake, your sister is the mother of a child who is working hard to overcome a disorder. She has a full-time job — one that lasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She is not malingering, so stop judging her.*

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# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles,  
one letter to each square,  
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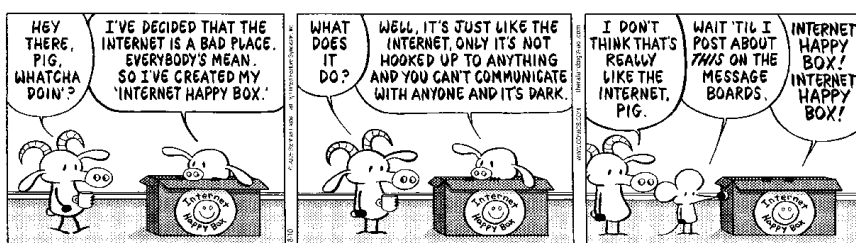
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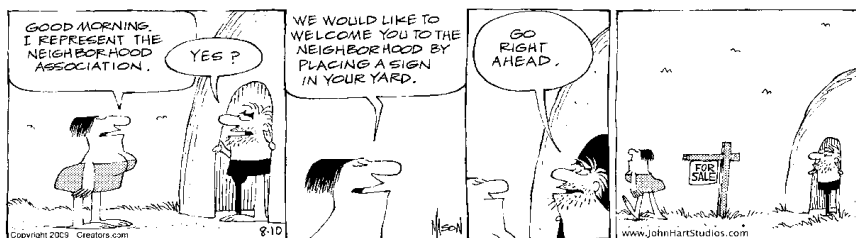
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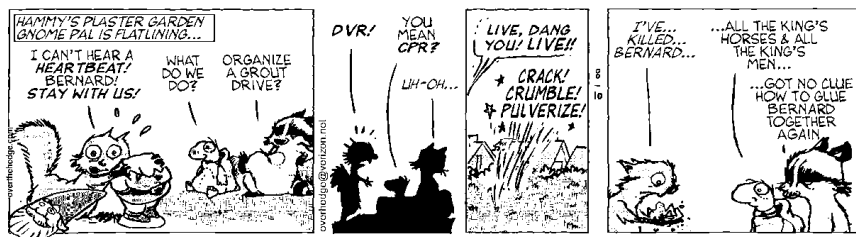
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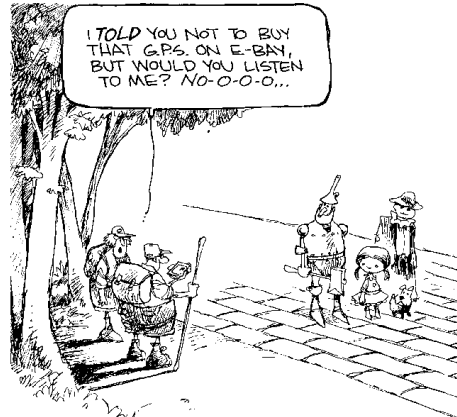
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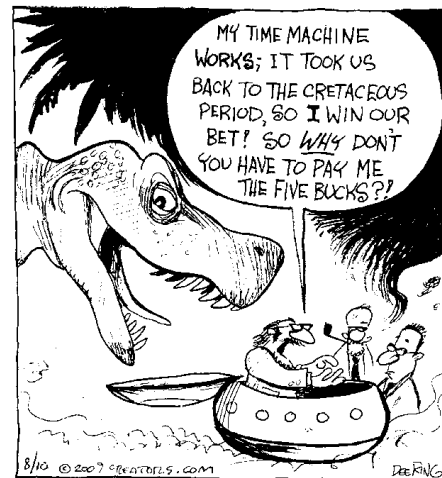
# Pardon My Planet



## Non Sequitur



## Strange Brew



## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Arqirion and Jeff Knurek



THE SOLDIER DIDN'T  
RETURN TO BASE  
BECAUSE HE WAS---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



## AFRTS Television Schedule

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Entertainers	(2:30) Movie "Spy Kids" (2001) Antonio Banderas.	(2:53) Movie "American Graffiti" (1973) Richard Dreyfuss. Town teens cruise on graduation night 1962.	Huckabee	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Indonesia"	Fit For Duty	Star Trek: Voyager "Someone to Watch Over Me"	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30						Battleground			
16:00	In Touch-Dr	SpongeBob SquarePants		FOX Report	Dirty Jobs Dismantling parade floats.	Week-Pentagon	Heroes "07 Percent"	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. From Angel Stadium of Anaheim in Anaheim, Calif. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	Sports
16:30	T.D. Jakes	SpongeBob SquarePants				Army Newswatch			
17:00	The Coral Ridge Hour	Be the Creature "Galapagos"	Movie "Kramer vs. Kramer" (1979) Dustin Hoffman. A divorced couple battle for custody of their young son.	Newsroom	Beyond the Wild Blue: History of U.S.A.F.	The Grill Sergeants	King of the Hill		
17:30	Crossing the Gold					Sun City Soldier	That '70s Show		
18:00	Austin City Limits Singers perform.	America's Funniest Home Videos		Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show	Recon	The King of Queens		
18:30					ESPNews	FNG Useful benefits.	Everybody-Raymond		
19:00	MotorWeek	So You Think You Can Dance The winner is announced.	Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom. Jack Sparrow's friends join forces to save him.	Newsroom	20/20	Today's Air Force	Top Chef The contestants arrange a bridal shower.	SportsCenter	Sports
19:30	At the Movies					Fit For Duty			
20:00	Digging for the Truth "Troy: Of Gods and Warriors"			Week-Pentagon	Medium "How to Make a Killing in Big Business"	Battleground	Dirty Sexy Money	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies. From Coors Field in Denver. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	
20:30				Army Newswatch		Recon Revisited			
21:00	Buried Treasure	90210 "One Party Can Ruin Your Whole Summer"		Today	Boston Legal "Smoke Signals"	Week-Pentagon	Mad Men "Shoot"		
21:30						National Guard News			
22:00	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Indonesia"	Touched by an Angel "Family Business"	Movie "The Devil's Brigade" (1968, War) William Holden, Cliff Robertson, Vince Edwards.	CBS News Sunday Morning	Headline News	Around the Services	Seinfeld		Sports
22:30					Saturday Night Live	Around the Services	Friends		
23:00	Dirty Jobs Dismantling parade floats.	7th Heaven "The Legacy"				Around the Services	Law & Order "True North"	SportsCenter	
23:30				Face the Nation		Around the Services			

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009

00:00	Beyond the Wild Blue: A History of the U.S. Air Force	So You Think You Can Dance The winner is announced.	(10:00) The Devil's Brigade	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Comics Unleashed	Around the Services	24 "Day 6: 3:00PM - 4:00PM"	(11:00) SportsCenter	(10:00) Sports
00:30			(-25) Movie "Hollow Man" (2000) Kevin Bacon, Elisabeth Shue. A scientist tests an invisibility serum, with horrific results.	Meet the Press	NCIS "Grace Period"	The Benning Report	Grey's Anatomy "Six Days" (Part 2 of 2)		Sports
1:00	Sports					The Grill Sergeants		Baseball Tonight	
1:30				America's News HQ	Cold Case "Knuckle Up"	VA News	Prison Break "Call Waiting"	PGA Tour Preview	
2:00		90210 "One Party Can Ruin Your Whole Summer"	(-32) Movie "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996) Patrick Stewart. Half-robot Borg tries to sabotage a rocket flight.	Newsroom	20/20	Army Newswatch	NUMB3RS An assailant opens fire in the FBI offices.	PGA Tour Golf WGC Bridgestone Invitational -- Final Round. From Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. (Live)	Sports
2:30		Touched by an Angel "Family Business"	(-35) Movie "The Devil's Brigade" (1968, War) William Holden, Cliff Robertson, Vince Edwards. A WWII Army officer organizes a motley commando unit.	Your Money	Medium "How to Make a Killing in Big Business"	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Label Maker"		
3:00		7th Heaven Eric gets involved when a teacher is suspended.		America's News HQ	Boston Legal "Smoke Signals"	Today's Air Force	Friends		
3:30		Teletubbies		Fareed Zakaria GPS	Good Morning America	The Grill Sergeants	Kiana's Flex Appeal		
4:00		Bear in the Big Blue House				The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
4:30		Sesame Street		FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	USARJ This Week	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives		
5:00		Peep-Big World	Entertainers			The Grill Sergeants	Paula's Home Cooking		
5:30		Handy Manny		FOX Report	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	Giada at Home	SportsCenter	
6:00						Army Newswatch	Living Fresh		
6:30						Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	Baseball Tonight	Sports
7:00						Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.			
7:30							Mad About You		
8:00							Living Single		
8:30							Guiding Light		
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(11:15) Movie "Scream" (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	The American Veteran	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	(11:00) Sports
00:30	Jeopardy!	Growing Up Creepie			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	(-05) Movie "Reality Bites" (1994, Drama) Winona Ryder, Ethan Hawke, Ben Stiller.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	Criminal Minds "The Last Word"	SportsCenter	
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Unfabulous				Around the Services			
2:00	60 Minutes	Smallville "Labyrinth"		Newsroom	CSI: NY "On the Job"	Downrange	NCIS "Faking It"	NFL Preseason Football Hall of Fame Game -- Buffalo Bills vs. Tennessee Titans. From Canton, Ohio. (Subject to Blackout)	WWE SmackDown!
2:30						All Hands TV			
3:00	NCIS The team investigates the death of a petty officer.	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Leading From the Heart"	(-45) Movie "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" (2008, Comedy) Adam Sandler, John Turturro. An ex-Israeli commando becomes a hairstylist in New York.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Men in Trees Marin gets a large check for her latest book.		
3:30						State Dept Briefing	Seinfeld "The Scofflaw"		
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven "...And a Nice Chianti"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Friends		Party Monsters: Cabo
4:30						Around the Services			
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(-4:50) Movie "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Today's Air Force	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Important Things-Martin
5:30	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House			Headline News	The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	The Man Show



**Military News**

Alleged serial rapist barred from work at U.S. bases in



**Sports**

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Yokosuka - 1991 Eunos Roadster convertible, JCI good until 7/31/2011, Japanese inspection due 7/4/2011. Black with leather interior. A/C and CD/cassette radio, Automatic transmission. Call: 241-2922, 090-1767-9087. Located on Yokosuka base (viewable until 8/5)

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Yokota, Japan - 1994 Toyota Exiv. Road Tax Paid. JCI expires Feb 11, asking \$800. Car runs outstanding, some minor blemishes. Drove this all over Japan and back and forth to Narita without any problems very dependable. Seats 5, Car is ready to be sold immediately. Call 1-313-347-0276 for more info

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Nissan Skyline Spec Note: JCI is not included. Pass & Id visit + Insurance needed. Ask Pass & ID for assistance to register. 1994 Nissan Skyline Red, 75K KM, Fully Optioned (no sun roof) Red, 75K KM, Fully Optioned (no sun roof) Trust FMIC, HKS Filter, ROM ECU, Kei Office Suspension, Nismo LSD, Impul Wheels, BN Sports Aero, Carbon bonnet and many more. Too much to list Price firm at \$5000.00 Vehicle is at Kawasaki private parking. Viewing is available on request. Email to ford\_jean@hotmail.com or call 090 6481 7411 any time.

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Silvia turbo, \$2000 JCI till Nov 2010, turbo charged. The car is stock except 2-way LSD and NISMO copperplate mix clutch. Comes with extra rims, asking \$2000 Home phone is (858) 368-6864 If I don't pick up leave a message.

Yokota, Japan - 93 Nissan 300zx T-top, Non-turbo, 5 speed manual transmission. Power Windows and A/C Please call 08034146351 or email unevolvd08@live.com

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Domani (similar to a Civic) Great reliable 4 door car. 99000km, A/C works great, Power Windows/Door locks, Key-less entry, Gas Mileage, 500 Plate. JCI until July 2010 asking \$1800 Please call 080-3522-3020 or email s\_gurian@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Nissan Avenir JCI good until May 2010, lots of space, TV/Navigator, great for a family, just had oil changed and car checked out. Call if interested need to sell by August 5th! Located at Camp Zama will try to come to Yokota if needed. Asking \$1250 OBO Please call 263-7296 or email anthony11242004@hotmail.com ASAP, ask for Arthur or Christina.

Yokota, Japan - 1998 White Subaru Legacy Sedan RS Twin Turbo Manual/5-Speed (Fun to drive!) Twin Turbo cold A/C and Hot Heat 17" Aluminum Wheels Lights New JVC Stereo w/ IPOD hook-up JCI until July 2011 asking \$3400 Please call Stephanie 080-6649-5345

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Toyota Mark II Wagon-MUST SELL My husband is deploying and I'm headed back to the states, so we need to sell this vehicle. It has been great for us. We have had no troubles with it. It seats 5 with lots of storage room in the back, plus the back seats fold down for extra room, still has a year of JCI left. A/C and heat work great, as does the included CD player. JCI until July 2010 asking \$1500 OBO We would like to sell ASAP, so any offers will be considered. Please call 314-558-3400 Thanks!

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Mazda RX7, SPD, 85,000 km, DEFI Gauges, intercooler, DVD/DivX, blue tooth, iPod bought three months ago from auction. The car needs owner who has time and patience to work on a few issues. RX7's are not for normal everyday drivers seriously. I bought this for \$6,000 and put about \$3,000 into it (stereo, tires, accessories, JCI expire July 2011, repairs). It's still has some issues and I am not a mechanic and don't have time to mess with it. Don't waste my time or yours. I want to be paid in cash or by check. I will not take payments has to be all or nothing. Serious inquiries only! \$8000 or very reasonable offer! Keep in mind. Top shape, go easily about \$13,000 - \$30,000 Please call 080-3588-0119

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### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - Drive with Style. Black on Black 1995 Nissan Gloria VIP Brougham Fully Loaded. Custom Wheels Deep Dish, Lowered, Administration Body Kit. Features includes: Touch screen Navigation, AM-FM, CD-Changer, TV, Automatic, P/W, P/L, Turbo, and Keyless Entry Very Smooth. Serious Buyers Only Reduced Price from \$9000 to \$7000/OBO Similar features found on GooNet runs for \$10,000+. Won't last long. Call 090-6830-9557 or email jryram@gmail.com

### Motorcycles 164

Atsugi - 93 Harley Davidson Dyna wide glide 1340cc has big bore kit, drag Pipes, Mikuni racing carb, forks have been raked out, custom paint, fwr. Controls asking \$9500 obo. Call 08058695453 Spicer.

Sagami Depot - 2007 - Suzuki K7 GSX-1000R, Immaculate condition, Metallic-Orange & Black, Limited color, 7000 km, Many Carbon Fiber parts, Garage kept, Glass Coating, Scoorpio alarm 2-way pager, Power Commander, Jardine Moto-GP exhaust, F&R frame sliders, Plus much more. JCI, \$9,800 Call, 090-8517-9568

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Suzuki TL1000R (Red) Flush mounted turn signals, "NEW rear tire and under tail". JCI until Nov. 09, asking \$4500. Call Mike for details: 080-5465-9444 macatak33@yahoo.com

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### Motorcycles 164

Yokota - Harley Davidson 2006 Sportster, Custom XL1200C. Check it. Chromed 1200cc Evolution engine, gloss black 4.5 gal tank, Le Para solo "Silhouette" seat (very sexy), Vance & Hines "Sideshows" chrome half pipes (it's kinda loud), OEM security system, chrome pull-back riser. For extra pump... DynoJet "Thunderslide" modified carburetor and "Scream" Eagle High-Flow" modified air intake installed. Odometer: 2,500 miles, fresh tires, meticulously maintained, super fun to ride... awesome to cruise on! Trust me, this bike screams. Call me any time: 080-6683-7306, let's talk. I'm at Yokota. Note: both original HD dual seat and duty factory pipes come with purchase.

Yokota, Japan 2003 Aprilia RSV 1000 Great Italian street bike. Bought brand new in 2007. Less than 2000KM! Six Speed Gear Box, 1000cc Rotax V-Twin engine, On-board computer with lap timer, average speed, max speed, battery indicator, 2 trip odometers, etc. All original manuals and paperwork included. Bike Barn is available to buyer. JCI until May 2010 Asking \$ 7500 Call or email for more info 080-3522-3020

### Auto Parts 180

Sagami Depot - Nissan Cat Back Rear Exhaust Muffler, fits 2003 and up skyline, 350Z, G35, 350ZT, etc; cat back exhaust, black with dual aluminum 4" exhaust tips; Superb sound, excellent condition, \$100. Call: 090-8517-9568

### Auto Parts 180

Yokosuka - RB25DET for sale. 53,000 kms comes with ecu and wiring. Sold my skyline so don't need the spare motor anymore. \$600. Will come with a 5 speed r33 transmission for \$800. Call Chuck at 090 3692 4470.

Yokosuka - RB25DET for sale. 53000kms. Metal head gasket. Was going into a project car but have since sold car so no longer need engine. \$600, includes ecu and wiring harness. \$800 comes with 5 speed transmission gearbox, which is available separately for \$400 obo. Also Garrett journal bearing turbocharger for skyline. Hi flowed, metal compressor wheel. Bought it but never got a chance to install. \$350. GTR 444cc injectors, x6. \$100. Oil cooler for r33r, possibly greddy. \$300 obo. Contact Chuck @ 090 3692 4470

Yokota, Japan - New 7" Touch screen DVD radio Double Din radio that can play DVD/CD/VCD/MP3/MP4/AVI. Radio accepts USB/Blue-tooth/SDHC cards/iPod. There are video out cables for extra monitors. Comes with remote. More info in the picture asking \$215 please call 301-638-9933

### Baby Items 200

Coach Diaper/Laptop Messenger Bag New, with tags. Signature C's design, brown canvas / tan leather, comes with changing pad too. Asking \$200. 010-7273 or email: aaronandkristen@gmail.com

Atsugi - Delta 5 in 1 crib. Light wood color. Casters, adjustable base and side bars which lock into place. Excellent condition, \$55. Matching dresser available if needed. \$55. Crib set: McQueen toddler bed. Excellent condition, \$50. Rocking horse. Fur covered. Makes horse sounds. Excellent condition, \$40. Radio flyer trike with sun canopy. Allows adult to steer but handle can be removed also. Bought for \$99 selling for \$40. Call 264-2973 or email ukandusa@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - Giant Mountain Bike Giant Rock 3 mountain bike. Please see the photo. Frame size is medium. This bike has only been used one time and has been kept inside when not in use. The only reason I'm selling is because I realized I need a bigger frame. If you are 5'10" or less this bike is for you. It's an amazing bike. I just didn't do my homework before I bought it. Asking \$400 Please call 646-381-0021 or email nick. rocco@hotmail.com

Books250

Yokota, Japan - Bio 101 - UMUC Basic Concepts in Biology 6th edition. By Cecile Starr includes CD. Asking \$20 Please call 080-6673-1820

Yokota, Japan - Biology 101 Book Concepts and Applications 7th Edition Asking \$40. Please call 090-1103-0885 or clintbrown@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Math 012, or 009 with solutions manual 6th edition please call 090-1103-0885 or email clintbrown@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Math 107 or 108 with solutions manual 3rd Edition Asking \$40 Please call 090-1103-0885 or email clintbrown@gmail.com

Clothing320

Misawa, Japan - 2 Fur Coats For Sale: 2 Ladies Medium Sized Fur Coats. One is a Black Belgium Long Haired. Mink length hangs to mid thigh. One is a White Arctic Fox length hangs to waist. Both are 100% fur paid over \$2400.00. Asking \$800.00 for both. Please email christopher.barnett.ctr@misawa.af.mil

Computers360

Yokota, Japan - Custom computer selling as whole for parts or whatever, not built for a gaming computer but still fast. Complete minus hard drives asking \$100 Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - x1185 all in one center complete with install CD. Works with XP, Asking \$100 Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Computers360

Yokota, Japan - Brand New HP Slim line S3750T "Mini-Desktop" PC Complete Home Entertainment PC in a Small Footprint "Still Factory Sealed - Dimensions (13.89"(L) x 4.21"(W) x 10.87"(H) or 105 x 340 x 275 mm)". Intel Core 2 Duo Proc (E7400-2.8GHz), 4 GB DDR2-800 MHz SDRAM (2 DIMMs), 256MB NVIDIA GeForce 9300 x "Dual TV Tuner", 640GB 7200RPM SATA 3GB/S Hard Drive, "BLU-RAY WRITER & Light Scribe Super Multi-DVD Drive, Wireless LAN Card, 15-in-1 Memory Card Reader, POCKET MEDIA BAY, 2 USB, Head Phone Port, Integrated 5.1 Channel Out with Front Audio Ports, HP Keyboard & HP Optical Mouse, Genuine Microsoft Windows VISTA Home Premium 64-Bit Operating System, Microsoft Works 8.0. Asking \$850 OBO Please call 225-9454 or email russell. zimmer@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - Used Toshiba Portege M200 Tablet for sale. Used condition but has had many upgrades. Comes with Windows XP Pro, Office 2007, and Symantec Anti-Virus and many other useful programs has Pentium M 1.60GHz Processor, CD/DVD-RW external drive, 1GB of RAM, 802.11g NIC, 120GB HDD, 12in screen. Have a handy carrying case and wireless mouse included. Great system for traveling, asking \$400 obo E-Mail: tsaher31@gmail.com Pictures are STOCK pictures, not actual system.

Furniture250

Atsugi - Black leather like recliner with ottoman. Excellent condition, \$50. Call 264-7973 or email ukandusa@hotmail.com.

Atsugi - Sandy/cream leather Loveseat and two matching chairs from Italy. In good condition. Asking: 300.00 USD or best offer. Contact: Emanuela at 264-7802 or 08036018265.

Yokota, Japan - Desk for Sale Just PCS'd in and got my TMO so my desk is apart. Asking \$50 email unevelvd08@live.com home or call 646-3810-011 cell phone: 080-3414-6251

Yokota, Japan - Round dinner table set I have a round table with 2 extension leaves and four chairs with arms decent condition. Email if need pictures Asking \$200. Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Furniture/Appliances511

Yokota, Japan - Honeywell Fans w/ remote & air cleaners built absolutely nothing wrong w/ these, Just trying to get a head start on clearing out house. I bought these in the states about a year and a half ago. Exc. Cond. I kept the manuals as well. This is a great way to help circulate the air in your home, & clean out all the "nasty garbage" at the same time. These are tall, black, Honeywell Fans w/ A lot of features. They also have built-in air purifiers (no extra \$\$ to replace filter). The remote has a built-in flashlight as well. I have 3 of these, which we use upstairs to help circulate the air, so it's not so stuffy. I am asking \$40 each (paid a lot more than this for these). Please call 916-473-4488

Household Items560

Atsugi - Framed art: Medium size Oil painting from Europe "Sea view with window." 200.00 USD. Contact: Emanuela at 264-7802 or 08036018265

Yokota, Japan - Toy box has a blue lid and tan wheels. Like 3ftx2ft asking \$20. Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Wanted Tower Curtains Please I want to get some curtains for the sliding doors in a tower apartment, without paying so much. If you have any you would like to get rid of, PLEASE call or email. Thanks! Please call 801-983-0672

Home Electronics570

Yokota, Japan - 21 ps2 games and 1 ps1 game. The play station games are Lego Batman, Lego Star Wars, Lego Star Wars II, Mortal Combat Deception, Mortal Combat Shoaling Monks, Backyard Football 2006, MLB Power Pros, MLB 2k5, The grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy, UFC Sudden Impact, Nicktoon Unite, Star Wars Battlefront, Star Wars Battlefront II, Pirates of the Caribbean at world's end, Crash Twin Sanity, Burnout 3 Takedown, Thrillville, Crash Mind of Muntant, The Bigs, MLB 06 the show, Spiderman 3 and the play station game of Casper. They all have the instruction booklets, but the games are in two DVD/CD cases. (I am wanting to sell the whole lot together and do not want to divide the lot) Asking \$75 Please call 407-373-1327 or email kristleahane@hotmail.com

Home Electronics570

Yokota, Japan - Big screen TV and wall unit @ 700 obo big screen JVC TV and wall unit together for 700 OBO. Please contact me at HEAVENLYCM@YAHOO.COM

Yokota, Japan - Like New AVOL 21" TV (SCT2100HN) TV has NTSC and ATSC tuners and is dual voltage. Has rear AV and coaxial inputs. Comes with remote. More info on the picture, asking \$120 Please call 301-638-9933

Yokota, Japan - Looking for 42" or bigger LCD Plasma TV. Looking for a second hand LCD Plasma TV 42" or bigger, if you have one for sale please let me know. Please call 080-5098-8728

Yokota, Japan - Selling a red ring Xbox 360. Reason why selling, I don't want to put the money to ship to Microsoft and take awhile to get it back since were in Japan. The Xbox works 30mins then some reason freezes then red ring. But it works again after 10min cool down. I don't know why it does that but I'm done with it. So if interested in fixing it yourself or sending it elsewhere please make a reasonable offer. Comes with Red Ring Xbox 360 (console) AV cables, Power cable, Make me an offer. Please email gator dude - 94@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Subwoofers and amp 2 10inch Memphis audio subwoofers with 1600 watt Exelon Kenwood amplifier Asking \$500 Please call 09038754483 or email carlos. verette@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - Xbox 360 Red Ring Repair and Custom Modes Red Ring Repair and Custom Modes such as Xbox 360 Red and Chrome cases and Xbox controller cases, Xbox 360 LED moods and controller LED modes. Prices vary. Check out New Again for examples. Price varies. Please call Robert 080-6673-1820

Outdoor Living775

Yokota, Japan - Coleman Quick Electric Pump-Priced 2 go now Cleaning out house now Nothing wrong w/ it, just we do not use it anymore, I kept the manual it came w/ and everything. Great for camping, blowing up balls, air mattress, etc. priced to sell now-\$5.00 If not home, please leave a message 916-473-4488 Thank you.

Home Electronics570

Yokota, Japan - Fence for Sale - Must Sell! 2-yr-old cedar fence - 55 linear feet including Torti Gate excellent condition! Asking \$300 Contact me at eacd@macc.com or 090-3961-9777 or 1-407-373-1352

Yokota, Japan - MUST SELL NOW! \$1000 Fence for \$150-must PCS! 2-yr-old cedar fence - 55 linear feet including Torti Gate. Excellent condition! 2-yr-old cedar fence - 55 linear feet including Torti Gate. Excellent condition! Contact me at eacd@macc.com or 090-3961-9777 or 1-407-373-1352

Yokota, Japan - Old school push mower new still have box. Works great no gas or oil required. Great for small yards. Asking \$70 firm please call 6237349659 or email frankcecelic@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Two Person Trail Tent Camouflage Brand New Factory I have a brand new, sealed, never opened 2 person trail tent. The size is 7' x 4'6" with center height of 38". I got it hoping to go camping but never got around to it. Asking \$15 Please call 8583686846 or email jcwang77@aol.com

Pets820

Misawa, Japan - Free Dog (Shiba): I'm looking for a good home for my dog, Sam. He is Shiba, loving, cuddly, and cute. He is great with kids and other pets. Please email sarah. gollaway@misawa.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - Adorable bunny! Must find Good Home ASAP I really need to find a good home for my bunny, June. He's grey and has grey blue eyes. He loves to be held once he gets to know you. He does have a personality. He's not boring at all. Loves to go outside and play in his play pen, loves to be out in the grass or just run around. I have to give him away because I have a job and no time to spend with him. He's all alone in the house all day. I hate that he doesn't have anyone to play with. So he needs kids to play with and give him the love and care he deserves. Comes with harness and leash, remaining food, cage and hay Please give him a good home. Please call before you email. 08034531768 / (512)-275-4895 (H) Free to good loving home

Pets820

Yokota, Japan - FREE ferrets and all their stuff we are at Camp Zama and we have brother and sister ferrets. Very fun pets to have. They love to play but sleep a lot. The male is very loving and lazy. The female is smart and fun to watch play. They are very easy to care for and only need baths once a month or so. They have birth certificates and shot records are up to date. They have been neutered and musk glands removed. They come with cage, food, litter, toys and lots of other stuff. They range from 180-500 each off post now. We need to get rid of them ASAP. One of the kids I watch is allergic and so is the wife of the couple that just took them yesterday. PLEASE call Jon or Deb at SHA home phone 267-6601 or 09065600442 or 09091026148

Yokota, Japan - Free Dog Owner can no longer care for dog due to personal health. I'm assisting him to find a new home for his dog. Needs shots. Call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Pet Accessories822

Yokota, Japan - Dog Kennel. Only 7 months old, still in good condition. There is nothing wrong with it. Our dog just grew out of it. It is 36x25x27 and says it's for large dogs, but would be better for a medium size dog. Asking \$50.00 Please call 617-896-4623 or email gashandgut04@hotmail.com

Photography830

Yokota, Japan - Canon 40D DW grip, 50 1.8, kit lens package deal Canon 40d, battery grip, two batteries, 50 1.8 lens, and 18-55 kit lens. Rarely used, was my back up camera, Asking \$600 Please call 080-3753-3434 or email grant@tsimages.com

Yokota, Japan - Nikon lenses Nikon Super Wide Angle AF Nikkor 20mm f/2.8D Autofocus Lens with a 62mm Ultraviolet UV Haze filter and a Hoya 62mm (Moose) Warm Circular Polarizer Glass Filter \$250 OBO and I also have a Nikon Wide Angle AF Nikkor 28mm f/2.8D Autofocus lens with a 52mm tiffen haze filter \$150 OBO Please email jarodhodge915@hotmail.com

Photography830

Yokota, Japan - Casio Exilim 8.1 MP Digital Camera Features of Casio EXS880RD: 8.1 Mega Pixels, 2.8 in. LCD Display, EXILIM Engine 2.0 image processing module, Anti-Shake DSP Direct Print Capable, Rapid Flash function, 190 shots on a full charge, Face Recognition Technology, 1.0 Second Enhanced Quick Responsiveness, Data Storage Function, 10.8MB Built-in and SD/SDHC/MMC Expandable Memory, Ultra Flat Design Constructed from Stainless Steel, Innovative H.264 Movies, YouTube Capture Mode, 3 x Optical Zoom / 4 x Digital Zoom, Weight: 4.5 Oz. Asking \$100 Please Call 1-214-261-6424 or email sbrriggs1985@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Light blue Canon Camera-Easy 2 use-10m.p. My daughter is selling her light blue canon camera. There's absolutely nothing wrong w/ it. We kept the orig. box, paperwork, etc. the SD card that came w/ the camera is still sealed up-brand new w/ case. Plus, we are also going to include another SD card! GB. Very simple to use! 10 mega pixels, 4x optical zoom, optical image stabilizer, large LCD screen, face detection, digital, red eye correction, movie features, easy mode, and many more great features. She is only asking \$100 for this. If not home, please leave message 916-473-4488 thank you. Must Go Now!

Sporting Goods980

Yokota, Japan - Elliptical The asking price at the Bxtra is \$390. It's a great elliptical! I just need to make more room in the house. Asking \$200 OBO Please call 646-381-0009 or email nicknyjoabbott@yahoo.com

Miscellaneous1040

Yokota, Japan - Men in Black 2 Japanese region this is an almost new DVD of Men in Black 2. I bought it but forgot I already own it. I opened it and watched it once. It is a Japanese version so it is region 2. It has Japanese subtitles, English subtitles, Japanese language & English language. You can choose. This is perfect for those of you with Japanese wives like myself I purchased it for 2,500yen from Tsutaya off base. You can have it today for 1,000 yen. Please call 090-9806-3464 or email chris-japan03@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Misc DVD's for sale Short Circuit (new still wrapped) \$10.007 the world is not enough \$5 King Kong \$5 ER Season 5 \$15 Take all for \$30 Please call 090-9806-3464 or email chris-japan03@yahoo.com

Yokota - Smart Navi 4.3 inch Portable GPS system. Never been used. Three national languages, Chinese, American, Japanese. Music, moving pictures and photo playable. Paid \$500. Asking \$375. If interested please Mike or Julie by calling 763-354-3551.

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**AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.**-MLB: Cleveland at Chicago White Sox (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.**-MLB: St. Louis at Pittsburgh (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**-MLB: Chicago Cubs at Colorado (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 10 p.m.**-MLB: Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers (dld).

**Monday**  
**AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.**-MLB: Minnesota at Detroit.  
**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**-Golf: WCG Bridgestone Invitational, final round.  
**AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.**-Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup Centurion Boats at the Glen.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.**-MLB: Cincinnati at San Francisco.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**-Auto racing: IndyCar Honda 200.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.**-MLB: Boston at N.Y. Yankees.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**-NFL exhibition: Buffalo vs. Tennessee at Canton, Ohio.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**-MLB: Florida at Philadelphia (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.**-Golf: U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, final round (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.**-MLB: Tampa Bay at Seattle (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.**-Ultimate fighting: UFC 101, B.J. Penn vs. Kenny Florian, lightweight, Anderson Silva vs. Forrest Griffin, light-heavyweights, Amir Sadollah vs. Johnny Hendricks, welterweights, Kendall Grove vs. Ricardo Almeida, middleweights, and Josh Neer vs. Kurt Pellegrino, lightweight (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**-MLB: Boston at N.Y. Yankees (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 p.m.**-Ultimate fighting: UFC 101, B.J. Penn vs. Kenny Florian, lightweight, Anderson Silva vs. Forrest Griffin, light-heavyweights, Amir Sadollah vs. Johnny Hendricks, welterweights, Kendall Grove vs. Ricardo Almeida, middleweights, and Josh Neer vs. Kurt Pellegrino, lightweight (dld).

**Tuesday**  
**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**-NFL exhibition: Buffalo vs. Tennessee at Canton, Ohio (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.**-MLB: Detroit at Boston.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**-MLB: Houston at Florida.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**-Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**-MLB: Cincinnati at St. Louis (dld).  
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**Fight schedule**  
**Aug. 14**  
At Desert Diamond Casino, Tucson, Ariz., Vivian Harris, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Noel Bonanos, Mexico, 12, light welterweights.  
**Aug. 15**  
At the Gold Coast Arena, Biloxi, Miss., Roy Jones Jr., Pensacola, Fla., vs. Jeff Lacy, St. Petersburg, Fla., 12, light heavyweights; Danny Green, Australia, vs. Julio Cesar, Mar del Plata, Argentina, 12, cruiserweights; Verquain Kimbrough, Pittsburgh, vs. Mike Anchondo, La Puente, Calif., 10, lightweight.  
At Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nonito Donaire, San Leandro, Calif., vs. Rafael Concepcion, Panama, 12, for the interim WBA super flyweight title; Steven Luevano, La Puente, Calif., vs. Bernabe Concepcion, Philippines, 12, for Luevano's WBO featherweight title; Mark Meillon, Philippines, vs. Michael Rosales, 10, Mexico, super lightweight; Anthony Peterson, Washington, vs. Luis Arceo, Mexico, 10, lightweight.  
**Aug. 21**  
At the Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Oliver McCall, Martinsville, Va., vs. Franklin Lawrence, Indianapolis, 12, for McCall's IBA Intercontinental heavyweight title.  
**Aug. 22**  
At Toyota Center, Houston, Malcolm Klassen, South Africa, vs. Robert Guerrero, Gilroy, Calif., 12, for Klassen's IBF super featherweight title; Juan Diaz, Houston, vs. Paul Malignaggi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 12, light welterweights; Daniel Jacobs, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Ishe Smith, Las Vegas, 10, for the NABO middleweight title.

At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood, Fla., Juan Urango, Cooper City, Fla., vs. Randall Bailey, Miami, 12, for Urango's IBF light welterweight title; Tavoris Cloud, Tallahassee, Fla., vs. Clinton Woods, Britain, 12, for the vacant IBF light heavyweight title.  
**Aug. 29**  
At Halle, Germany, Victor Emiliano Ramirez, Argentina, vs. Marco Huck, Germany, 12, for Ramirez's WBO cruiserweight title; Karo Murat, Germany, vs. Lorenzo Di Giacomo, Italy, 12, for Murat's European super middleweight title.  
At The Blaisdell Center, Honolulu, Brian Viloria, Waipahu, Hawaii, vs. Jesus Iribe, Mexico, 12, for Viloria's IBF light flyweight title.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	8	3	9	33	29	24
Chicago	8	3	8	32	26	20
D.C.	6	4	10	28	34	32
Toronto FC	7	7	6	27	28	31
New England	6	5	6	24	19	22
Kansas City	5	7	6	21	20	25
New York	2	15	4	10	16	37

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	10	6	5	35	27	18
Seattle	7	4	8	29	26	20
Los Angeles	6	3	10	28	23	20
Colorado	7	6	6	27	28	24
Chivas USA	8	6	3	27	19	15
Real Salt Lake	6	8	5	23	28	24
FC Dallas	6	9	5	23	29	30
San Jose	4	10	5	17	25	35

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Thursday's game

FC Dallas 1, Houston 0

Saturday's games

Los Angeles at New England

Columbus at San Jose

Seattle FC at Real Salt Lake

Chivas USA at Colorado

Sunday's game

Chicago at Houston

Saturday, August 15

D.C. United at Toronto FC

Chivas USA at New York

FC Dallas at Columbus

Houston at Real Salt Lake

Seattle FC at Los Angeles

Sunday, August 16

Chicago at Kansas City

WPS						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
z-Los Angeles	11	3	5	38	25	9
y-Saint Louis	10	6	3	33	18	14
Washington	7	7	5	26	29	31
Sky Blue FC	7	7	5	26	18	17
Boston	7	8	4	25	17	18
Chicago	5	10	5	20	18	25
FC Gold Pride	5	10	5	17	16	27
<b>NOTE:</b> Three points for victory, one point for tie.						
z-clinched regular season title						
y-clinched playoff berth						
<b>Wednesday's games</b>						
Sky Blue FC 2, FC Gold Pride 0						
Saint Louis 2, Chicago 0						
<b>Saturday's game</b>						
Sky Blue FC at Washington						
<b>Sunday's games</b>						
Los Angeles at Boston						
Saint Louis at FC Gold Pride						
<b>End Regular Season</b>						

## Pro basketball

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	16	4	.800	—
Washington	11	9	.550	5
Atlanta	11	10	.524	5½
Connecticut	10	10	.500	6
Chicago	10	11	.476	6½
Detroit	7	11	.389	8
New York	7	13	.350	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	16	6	.727	—
Seattle	12	9	.571	3½
Minnesota	11	10	.524	4½
San Antonio	9	11	.450	6
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	7
Sacramento	5	17	.227	11
Thursday's games				
Atlanta 92, San Antonio 84				
Los Angeles 79, Seattle 75, OT				
Friday's games				
Washington 70, Detroit 66				
Minnesota 95, Connecticut 88				
New York 84, Sacramento 66				
Saturday's games				
Chicago at Atlanta				
New York at Seattle				
Indiana at Phoenix				
Sunday's games				
Washington at Connecticut				
Chicago at Detroit				
San Antonio at Minnesota				
Monday's game				
Indiana at Los Angeles				
Tuesday's games				
Detroit at Washington				
Sacramento at San Antonio				
New York at Los Angeles				

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## Friday's transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**Major League Baseball**  
MLB—Suspended OF Mitch Einfeldt (Corpus Christi-Texas League) for 50 games for a second violation of the minor league drug prevention and treatment program for a drug of abuse.  
**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES**—Traded C Gregg Zaun to Tampa Bay for cash or a player to be named. Purchased the contract of C Chad Moeller from Norfolk (IL).  
**BOSTON RED SOX**—Designated RHP John Smoltz and LHP Billy Traber for assignment. Claimed INF Chris Woodward off waivers from Seattle. Recalled RHP Junichi Tazawa from Pawtucket (IL).  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Recalled LHP Rafael Perez from Columbus (IL).  
**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Acquired RHP Carl Pavano from Cleveland for a player to be named. Optioned RHP R.A. Dickey to Rochester (IL). Transferred Placed RHP Boof Bonser to the 60-day DL.  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Released 1B-DH Jason Giambi.  
**SEATTLE MARINERS**—Sent LHP Jason Vargas to Tacoma (PCL). Purchased the contract of RHP Doug Fister from Tacoma.  
**TEXAS RANGERS**—Recalled OF Julio Borbon from Oklahoma City (PCL). Designated RHP Vicente Padilla for assignment.  
**National League**  
**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Minor and assigned him to Rome (SAL).  
**CHICAGO CUBS**—Activated C Geovany Soto from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF-OF Micah Hoffpauir to Iowa (PCL).  
**HOUSTON ASTROS**—Activated INF-OF Darin Erstad from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Doug Brocail on the 15-day DL.  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS**—Placed RHP Jason Schmidt on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Tony Abreu from Albuquerque (PCL).  
**MILWAUKEE BREWERS**—Purchased the contract of RHP Jesus Colome from Nashville (PCL). Designated LHP R.J. Swindle for assignment.  
**NEW YORK METS**—Activated INF Anderson Hernandez. Designated INF Angel Berroa for assignment. Transferred RHP J.J. Putz to the 60-day DL.  
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Signed LHP Zach Dodson and LHP Colton Cain. Placed LHP Donnie Veal on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Chris Bootcheck from Indianapolis (IL).  
**SAN DIEGO PADRES**—Recalled RHP Ryan Webb from Portland (PCL).  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**—Activated INF Rich Aurilia from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF John Bowker to Fresno (PCL).  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**ATLANTA HAWKS**—Re-signed F Marvin Williams to a five-year contract.  
**BOSTON CELTICS**—Signed C/FG Shelden Williams.  
**DENVER NUGGETS**—Traded F-C Steven Hunter, a 2010 first-round pick and cash to Memphis a future second-round draft pick.  
**PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS**—Signed G Brandon Roy to a multiyear contract extension.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**BUFFALO BILLS**—Signed DE Atefiof Etukeren. Released S Antwan Spann.  
**CAROLINA PANTHERS**—Signed LB Kelvin Smith. Released LS Nick Sundberg.  
**DENVER BRONCOS**—Agreed to terms with RB Knowshon Moreno.  
**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**—Signed OL Drew Miller. Waived LB David Holloway.  
**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**—Signed DE Tyson Jackson. Waived LB Weston Dacus.  
**COLLEGE**  
**CINCINNATI**—Named Denny McCaughey men's volleyball assistant soccer coach.  
**DEPAUL**—Named Tom Kleinschmidt director of men's basketball operations.  
**FORDHAM**—Named Margaret Carey women's assistant basketball coach.  
**HOFSTRA**—Named Jessica Mannetti women's assistant basketball coach.  
**LE MOYNE**—Named Rich Conover women's basketball coach.  
**MARIETTA**—Named Jen Simonetti an assistant soccer coach and Jesse Boyd assistant volleyball coach.  
**MONTEVALL**—Named Stacey Balaam women's assistant soccer coach.  
**SHIPPENSBURG**—Named Erin Goodhart men's and women's swimming coach.

## Legg Mason Classic

**Friday**  
**At William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center**  
**Washington**  
**Purse: \$1,402 million (WT500)**  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Quarterfinals**  
Juan Martin del Potro (2), Argentina, def. Robin Soderling (5), Sweden, walk-over.  
Fernando Gonzalez (4), Chile, def. Tommy Haas (10), Germany, 7-5, 6-4.  
Andy Roddick (1), United States, def. Ivo Karlovic (11), Croatia, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5).  
John Isner, United States, def. Tomas Berdych (8), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-7 (10), 6-2.  
**Doubles**  
**Quarterfinals**  
Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Nenad Zimonjic (2), Serbia, def. Fernando Gonzalez, Chile, and Tommy Robredo, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.  
Travis Parrott, United States, and Filip Polasek, Slovakia, def. Chris Guccione and Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 6-2, 6-2.

## L.A. Women's Championships

**Friday**  
**At The Home Depot Center**  
**Carson, Calif.**  
**Purse: \$700,000 (Premier)**  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**



## Sports briefs

# Hardy breaks another world record in swimming

The Associated Press

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — Jessica Hardy broke the world record in the 100-meter breaststroke by nearly half a second in the U.S. Open.

The American was timed in 1 minute, 4.45 seconds, lowering the mark of 1:04.84 set by American Rebecca Soni in last month's world championships.

It was Hardy's second world mark in as many nights.

She set the world record in the 50 breaststroke with a split of 29.95 seconds when she time-trialed the 100 breaststroke on Thursday.

Hardy wore a Jaked suit Friday.

It and other record-breaking polyurethane bodysuits will be banned by swimming's world governing body on Jan. 1.

"Did tonight just happen?" Hardy said on her Twitter feed.

"Talk about the weirdest year of my life."

Hardy is competing for the first time since serving a one-year suspension because of a failed drug test that caused her to drop off the U.S. Olympic team last year before the Beijing Games.

## Parker returns to French team

PAU, France — Tony Parker returned from injury to help France beat Finland 82-72 in a European Championship qualifying basketball game Saturday.

The San Antonio Spurs' point guard, who missed Wednesday's 80-77 overtime victory over Italy due to a right ankle sprain, was used sparingly by coach Vincent Collet.

He played only the first five minutes as France solidified its position at the top of Group B in the Euro playoffs.

The team finishing first in Group B takes on the winner of Group A — Bosnia, Belgium or Portugal. The European Championships are next month in Poland.

Parker had wanted to play Wednesday, but the Spurs brought him back to San Antonio for tests after he was injured in a collision with an Austrian player last month. Parker had said tests showed no signs of ligament tears or other complications.

In other basketball news:

■ The Atlanta Hawks re-signed forward Marvin Williams on Friday. The Atlanta Journal-Con-

stitution reported the restricted free agent agreed to a five-year, \$37.5 million deal, with incentives that could raise the package to \$43 million.

■ The Denver Nuggets swapped Steven Hunter, a protected 2010 first-round pick and cash to the Memphis Grizzlies in exchange for a future conditional second rounder, Grizzlies general manager Chris Wallace said Friday.

■ The Boston Celtics signed free agent center/forward Shelden Williams. The Celtics did not disclose terms of the deal Friday, citing team policy.

## NHL asks judge to toss billionaire's bid for Coyotes

PHOENIX — The NHL asked a bankruptcy judge to throw out Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie's bid to buy the Phoenix Coyotes based on the league's overwhelming rejection of him as a potential owner.

The 26-page motion, accompanied by declarations from Boston Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs and Minnesota Wild owner Craig Leipold, says the owners have concluded that Balsillie would be untrustworthy and that the court

has no right to overturn their July 29 vote.

The owners say their opinion is based on Balsillie's behavior in earlier attempts to purchase the Pittsburgh Penguins and Nashville Predators.

"We voted to deny approval to Mr. Balsillie because we concluded he lacks the good character and integrity required of a new owner" under NHL bylaws, said Jacobs, chairman of the league's board of governors.

The board, made up of a representative from each NHL team, voted 26-0 against Balsillie's application.

Three abstained and one representative was absent, according to Jacobs.

Two days after the board's vote, Balsillie filed a document in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Phoenix contending NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and "a number of owners have a personal grudge" against him.

## Revolution coach suspended, fined over conduct

NEW YORK — New England Revolution coach Steve Nicol was suspended one game and fined \$1,000 for conduct during a game

against Toronto FC.

MLS made the announcement on Saturday, saying Nicol would miss the game that day against the Los Angeles Galaxy.

The fine and suspension are in addition to the automatic \$500 fine and one-game suspension received for a coach's dismissal from a match.

Nicol was dismissed in the Revolution's 1-1 tie against Toronto on Aug. 1.

He will serve the other game suspension on Aug. 20 against the Seattle Sounders FC.

## Elsewhere ...

At Hermosa Beach, Calif., Two-time Olympic gold medalist Kerri Walsh and partner Rachel Wacholder won three matches before a loss relegated them to the contenders' bracket in the Hermosa Beach Open on Friday.

Walsh is returning to pro beach volleyball after giving birth to her first child in May, having been off the AVP Tour for nine months. Regular partner Misty May-Treanor is taking the season off to rehabilitate a tendon injury, so Walsh is teaming with Wacholder, also a new mom.

## NASCAR notebook

# Martin glad to be back at Glen

By JOHN KEKIS

The Associated Press

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Mark Martin once ruled Watkins Glen International. He's ready to recapture his excellence after a three-year hiatus.

"It would be so incredible to win here. I can't wait to get started," Martin said Friday before qualifying 28th on the 11-turn, 2.45-mile road course.

Three drivers stand above the rest at Watkins Glen. Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon lead all with four victories, one more than Martin, and Martin is the track leader with 12 top fives and 16 top 10s in 19 races.

Martin, though, has accomplished what no other NASCAR driver has at The Glen — all three of his victories came from the pole in succession from 1993-95. From 1989-2000, Martin had 11 top-fives (three victories, three seconds, two thirds, one fourth, two fifths) and one 10th-place finish.

"We just hit on something back there in the '90s that just really hauled around this place and was really good, just needed a few tweaks here and there," said Martin, 50, who leads the Cup series with four victories this season.

"Then things change. We used the same car and the same stuff, and it just wasn't quite as sharp. Sometimes, it's just hard to explain."

Martin said he owed much of his success to his former boss,



TOM RYDER/AP

**Mark Martin, who leads the Sprint Cup series with four victories this season, won from the pole on the road course at Watkins Glen three straight times from 1993-95.**

Jack Roush. "I took to road-course racing very quickly, and Jack asked all the right questions instead of telling me what to do," Martin said. "He made me think about things I needed to be thinking about."

Gordon has the most road course victories in NASCAR history with nine and Stewart has six, but the competition has narrowed the gap. Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch won two of the past three races at Watkins Glen, Kurt Busch won the pole here in 2006, and Juan Pablo Montoya and Kasey Kahne have won at Sonoma.

"It was much easier to put a whipping on two-thirds of the field than it is today," Martin said. "The drivers have all really stepped up to the plate. In some ways, there's less movement. You

see less passing because everybody's close to the same speed and all the drivers are good at it. The difference between being good and [being] superior is obviously hard to find, or everybody would be superior and no one would be able to dominate again."

**Sorenson's return:** Reed Sorenson was back driving the No. 43 for Richard Petty Motorsports after suffering carbon monoxide poisoning in Monday's rain-delayed race at Pocono.

Sorenson said he hit a wall on the right side around lap 70 of the 200-lap race, and that led to the problem.

"I looked at the car in the shop, and the right side had a two-inch gap," Sorenson said Friday after qualifying 29th for Sunday's Cup race at Watkins Glen. "I think it was sucking it [the carbon monoxide] in until lap 170. I felt OK in the car, then on the way to the airport started to feel a little nauseous. I think that's when it got to me."

Sorenson said once he reached home he quickly recovered, though RPM placed former Formula One champion Jacques Villeneuve on standby as a replacement.

"I think the team was just worried about me, making sure I was OK," Sorenson said. "They didn't want to take any chances."

Sorenson said his team would do random testing for carbon monoxide in the next month to make sure the levels are safe. He also said he would be taking oxygen as a precaution.

## Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at the Glen lineup

**NASCAR Sprint Cup After Friday qualifying; race Sunday At Watkins Glen International Watkins Glen, N.Y.**  
Lap length: 2.45 miles  
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 123.633.
2. (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 123.619.
3. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 123.093.
4. (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 123.045.
5. (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 122.824.
6. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 122.652.
7. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 122.519.
8. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 122.514.
9. (08) Boris Said, Ford, 122.495.
10. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 122.081.
11. (07) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 122.039.
12. (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 121.872.
13. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 121.864.
14. (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 121.759.
15. (71) Andy Lally, Chevrolet, 121.722.
16. (13) Max Papis, Toyota, 121.653.
17. (55) Patrick Carpentier, Toyota, 121.509.
18. (44) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, 121.427.
19. (91) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 121.377.
20. (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 121.359.
21. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 121.315.
22. (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 121.284.
23. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 121.279.
24. (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 121.254.
25. (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 121.247.
26. (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 121.185.
27. (96) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 121.117.
28. (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 121.109.
29. (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 121.109.
30. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 121.071.
31. (27) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 121.046.
32. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 121.009.
33. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 120.993.
34. (34) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 120.848.
35. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 120.838.
36. (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 120.615.
37. (09) Ron Fellows, Chevrolet, 120.581.
38. (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 120.465.
39. (04) P.J. Jones, Toyota, 120.416.
40. (6) David Ragan, Ford, 120.088.
41. (66) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 119.9.
42. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 119.858.
43. (37) Tony Ave, Chevrolet, 119.787.
- Failed to Qualify**
44. (87) Joe Nemecek, Toyota, 119.77.
45. (36) Brian Simo, Toyota, 118.895.
46. (70) David Gilliland, Chevrolet, 118.671.

## Golf roundup

# Harrington still leading in Bridgestone

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Padraig Harrington broke par for the second straight day, something he hasn't done in four months. Two more days like that and it could lead to something he hasn't done in a year.

Without a victory since the PGA Championship, Harrington tread carefully across Firestone on Friday for a 1-under 69 that gave him a one-shot lead over Tim Clark (68) going into the weekend in the Bridgestone Invitational.

Harrington didn't put much stock into his opening round of 64, and he wasn't ready to declare himself the favorite to win his first World Golf Championship. Even so, he conceded that consecutive good rounds were helpful.

"I'm obviously pleased," said Harrington, who was at 7-under 133. "I shot a good score yesterday — put me up there — and it's nice to shoot a reasonable score to back it up. Break 70 on the weekend a few more times and I should be doing OK."

Tiger Woods, a six-time winner at Firestone, was among 20 players within five shots of the lead.

**PGA Tour:** At Reno, Nev., John Rollins matched the course record with a 10-under 62 to take a two-stroke lead in the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open, and Chris Riley tied the PGA Tour mark for relation to par for nine holes with 9-under 27.

## NL roundup

# Braves get to Broxton, top Dodgers in 12

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Only a few teams have gotten to Dodgers All-Star closer Jonathan Broxton this season. The Atlanta Braves were the first to rough him up in Los Angeles.

Garret Anderson lined the first pitch he saw from Broxton to right field for a tying single in the ninth inning, and the Braves scored four in the 12th to beat the Dodgers 9-5 on Friday night.

"That's what he does. He's a professional hitter," said outfielder Ryan Church, whose three-run homer off Ramon Troncoso provided the knockout punch in the 4-hour, 20-minute game. Troncoso (4-1) gave up one-out singles in the 12th to Anderson and Brian McCann before rookie Scott Elbert came on to strike out Adam LaRoche. But Yunel Escobar lined the rookie's 3-1 pitch to right-center to score Anderson. The hit came only hours after manager Joe Torre said that Elbert would make his first big league start Sunday.

Escobar's clutch hit raised his average with runners in scoring position to .419. Two pitches later, Church hit his fourth homer.

Church had the last laugh on the heckling fans at Dodger Stadium who remembered his base-running gaffe this season with the New York Mets. He was called out for failing to touch third base.

Broxton's blown save was his fourth in 28 attempts this season. Nate McLouth walked with one out, stole his 17th base and scored with two outs when Anderson lined a single to right field on the first pitch.

The Dodgers left the bases loaded in the 11th when pinch-hitter Tony Abreu grounded out to shortstop against Peter Moylan



MARK AVERY/AP

**Dodgers second baseman Orlando Hudson chases the Braves' Nate McLouth back to first in a rundown that ended in a double play Friday.**

(4-2) after an intentional walk to Andre Ethier, who won Thursday's series opener with a three-run homer in the ninth off Braves closer Rafael Soriano.

Dodgers starter Chad Billingsley allowed two runs and four hits in six innings. He left after 78 pitches because of a mild left hamstring strain, which occurred on a single in the sixth. Hong-Chih Kuo inherited a 5-2 lead from Billingsley and promptly gave up a walk and a homer.

**Marlins 3, Phillies 2:** Florida snapped a three-game skid by beating host Philadelphia. Ricky Nolasco pitched seven sharp innings for Florida, allowing only four hits and striking out seven. Nick Johnson and Cody Ross hit

solo homers for the Marlins.

**Rockies 6, Cubs 2:** At Denver, Colorado took advantage of the late withdrawal of Chicago pitcher Carlos Zambrano as the Rockies moved into a tie for the wild-card berth. About 15 minutes before the game, Zambrano was scratched because of a recurrence of a lower back injury. The Rockies jumped on emergency fill-in Sean Marshall for three runs in two innings.

**Astros 6, Brewers 3:** At Houston, Jason Michaels hit a solo homer in the fifth and a three-run shot in the sixth. He was starting in center field in place of the injured Michael Bourn. Astros pitcher Bud Norris struck out seven in six effective innings and

allowed only three hits.

**Reds 10, Giants 5:** Brandon Phillips drew a tie-breaking bases-loaded walk in the ninth inning as Cincinnati took advantage of a meltdown by host San Francisco's bullpen. Pinch-hitter Drew Sutton led off the ninth with an infield single off Giants closer Brian Wilson before Alex Gonzalez and Joey Votto drew one-out walks. Phillips, who doubled and scored when the Reds tied the game with two runs in the eighth, walked to force in Sutton.

**Cardinals 6, Pirates 4:** Ryan Ludwick's sacrifice fly in the eighth inning scored the go-ahead run as St. Louis stretched host Pittsburgh's losing streak to six games. With the score 4-4 in

the top of the eighth, Matt Holliday singled, stole second and took third on a misplay before Ludwick followed with his sacrifice fly.

**Padres 6, Mets 2:** Rookie Everth Cabrera hit a grand slam in the ninth to lift host San Diego over New York. Cabrera, who struck out three times, connected on a full-count pitch from Mets closer Francisco Rodriguez.

**Nationals 7, Diamondbacks 6:** At Washington, the Nationals won a season-best sixth in a row. The Nats scored an unearned run in the second, three in the fourth and tied it in the fifth with a homer. In the seventh, Josh Willingham's third hit of the game was a bases-loaded single that drove in two runs to make it 7-5.

## Baseball briefs

# Struggling Smoltz given walking papers by Red Sox

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Smoltz might have thrown the last pitch of his storied career.

The Boston Red Sox cut the struggling Smoltz on Friday, a day after the New York Yankees sent the 42-year-old righty to another early exit. Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein traveled to New York to tell Smoltz that the team had designated him for assignment. The move gives Boston 10 days to trade, release or send Smoltz to the minors.

After more than two decades of big victories for Atlanta, Smoltz signed with the Red Sox in January, hoping he could recover from surgery on his right shoulder. After eight starts, the numbers weren't pretty for a pitcher with Hall of Fame credentials: 2-5 with an 8.32 ERA.

"Pretty humbled right now, the way things have gone," Smoltz said Thursday after the Yankees chased him in the fourth inning of a 13-6 romp.

"Time may not be on my side if this continues."

He was right. The eight-time All-Star was not at his locker Friday, though his

No. 29 jersey hung in his cubicle and his shower flip-flops were in his stall.

The Yankees tagged Smoltz for eight runs on nine hits and four walks in 3 1/3 innings. At 212-152 with 154 saves and a 3.32 ERA, Smoltz compiled a glittering resume after making his major league debut in 1988.

Smoltz helped Atlanta to its only World Series title, won a Cy Young and is the only pitcher with more than 200 victories and 150 saves.

"I'm not doing it right now," Smoltz said. "I'm a big enough man to ... say I'm not doing it."

### Orioles trade Zaun to Rays

TORONTO — The Orioles traded catcher Gregg Zaun to the Tampa Bay Rays, clearing the way for rookie Matt Wieters to become Baltimore's main backstop.

The Orioles received cash or a player to be named. The switch-hitting Zaun hit .244 with four homers and 13 RBIs in 56 games. Wieters, the Orioles' first-round pick in 2007, is hitting .268 with three homers and 14 RBIs in 46 games.

### Hamilton talks about booze

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Texas Rangers outfielder John Hamilton once again addressed his troubled history with alcohol abuse, after a Web site published photos of him cavorting with several scantily clad women in a bar last January.

Hamilton created headlines last season with his inspired comeback from the depths of alcoholism and drug abuse to lead the major leagues in RBIs and nearly win the Home Run Derby.

The All-Star stood at his locker at Angel Stadium a couple of hours before game time Saturday and said how much he regretted what had happened at a bar in Tempe, Ariz.

Before this latest episode, Hamilton hadn't had a drink since Oct. 6, 2005.

"Obviously, I'm embarrassed about it for my wife Katie, for my kids and for the organization," he said. "It's an ongoing struggle, and it's real."

### Pitcher appeals conviction

DAYTON, Ohio — A minor league pitcher convicted of throwing a baseball that

injured a fan during an on-field melee in last year was released from jail pending appeal.

Julio Castillo, 22, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years' probation. The judge released Castillo on Friday while he appeals.

Castillo was convicted of felonious assault causing serious physical injury for giving the fan a concussion after a brawl broke out in a Class A game in Dayton.

### Elsewhere ...

■ Former Yankees pitcher Hideki Irabu signed to play for the Kochi Fighting Dogs of the Shikoku-Kyushu Island League.

■ Mitch Einertson of Double-AA Corpus Christi was suspended 50 games under baseball's minor league drug program after a second violation.

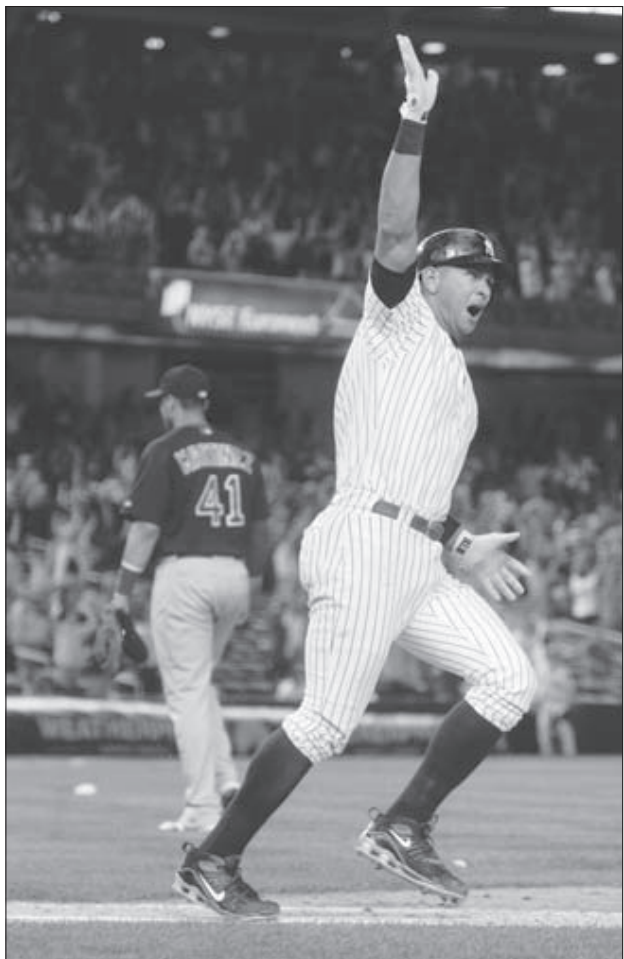
■ The Dodgers put right-hander Jason Schmidt on the 15-day DL because of problems with his surgically repaired shoulder.

■ The Boston Red Sox placed shortstop Jed Lowrie on the 15-day disabled list because of an irritated left forearm.









FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

The New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez leads the celebration early Saturday morning after his two-run homer in the 15th inning lifted the Yankees over the Boston Red Sox 2-0. The teams were scoreless in extra innings for the first time since 1976, and Rodriguez's blast ended it after 5 hours and 33 minutes.

# A-Rod ends scoreless duel

## Homer in 15th gives Yanks victory over Red Sox

By HOWIE RUMBERG  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Long after their nights on the field were over, A.J. Burnett and Josh Beckett remained in their dugouts, riveted by all the zeros on the Yankee Stadium scoreboard.

Most of the fans were still in their seats, hoping for a hit. Maybe even a run.

Alex Rodriguez ended the longest scoreless duel between longtime rivals Boston and New York in the 15th inning with his first homer in three weeks, giving the Yankees a 2-0 victory over the Red Sox late Friday night.

Once the game entered the 15th it became the longest scoreless matchup between the teams. Rodriguez's two-out homer came 5 hours, 33 minutes after the start and was off Boston's eighth pitcher, Junichi Tazawa, making his major league debut.

Derek Jeter singled leading off the 15th against Tazawa (0-1), who was signed out of a Japanese industrial league and called up Friday after Boston cut John Smoltz. After two outs, Rodriguez lined a shot into the bullpen in left-center for his 20th homer of the year.

It was New York's 10th walkoff victory of the season.

The Yankees' fifth straight victory touched off a raucous celebration on the field and in the stands as many of the 48,262 fans at the new ballpark remained as

Friday  
Yankees 2, Red Sox 0 (15)

Boston					New York				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Ellsbury cf	5	0	2	0	Jeter ss	7	1	1	0
Pedroia 2b	4	0	0	0	Damon lf	7	0	0	0
VMrtzn 1b	6	0	0	0	Teixeira 1b	6	0	0	0
Youkilis 3b	4	0	1	0	ARdrz 3b	7	1	2	2
D.Ortiz dh	6	0	1	0	HMatsu dh	5	0	2	0
J.Drew rf	5	0	0	0	Posada c	5	0	2	0
Varitek c	6	0	0	0	R.Pena pr	0	0	0	0
Reddick lf	6	0	0	0	JMolin c	0	0	0	0
NGreen ss	1	0	0	0	Cano 2b	6	0	2	0
Ktchm ph	1	0	0	0	Swisher rf	2	0	0	0
Wdward ss	2	0	0	0	Hrstr Jr rf	0	0	0	0
					Hinske ph-rf	1	0	0	0
					McCarr c	5	0	0	0

Totals	46	0	4	0	Totals	51	2	9	2
Boston	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000
New York	000	000	000	000	000	002	—	2	—

Two outs when winning run scored.  
E—Posada (6). DP—Boston 2, New York 2.  
LOB—Boston 10, New York 12. 2B—Cano (29). HR—A.Rodriguez (20). SB—Ellsbury (2) (50), A.Rodriguez (8). CS—Pedroia (7), H.Matsu (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Beckett	7	4	0	0	2	7
Okajima	1½	0	0	0	0	1
D.Bard	½	1	0	0	1	2
R.Ramirez	½	0	0	0	1	0
Papelbon	1½	0	0	0	0	2
Delcarmen	1	0	0	0	2	0
Saito	1	0	0	0	1	0
Tazawa L, 0-1	1½	4	2	2	0	2

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
A.Burnett	7½	1	0	0	6	6
Hughes	½	0	0	0	0	2
Ma.Rivera	1	1	0	0	0	2
Aceves	3	1	0	0	1	3
Bruneau	2	1	0	0	1	2
Coke W, 3-3	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—R.Ramirez. Balk—D.Bard. T—5:33.  
A—48,262 (52,325).

a tense game breezed past midnight, ending at 12:42 a.m.

A-Rod threw his hands in the air as he rounded first, and the Yankees bounded out of the dugout to mob the slugger for a head-

slapping party at home plate, complete with a whipped cream pie from Burnett.

"Both teams were remarkable," Rodriguez said. "It was a heavyweight fight, and we were fortunate to have the last hit."

The homer was Rodriguez's first since July 19, a span of 72 at-bats that is his worst drought within a season. He has 573 home runs, tying Harmon Killebrew for ninth place on baseball's career list.

Burnett and Beckett set the tone as the Yankees and Red Sox went into extra innings scoreless for the first time since 1976.

Burnett allowed a leadoff single, and five relievers finished New York's four-hitter. Phil Coke (3-3) worked the 15th for the Yankees' second consecutive victory over Boston after nine losses, dating to last season.

Former Florida Marlins teammates Burnett and Beckett matched zeros, each refusing to bend to All-Star lineups.

On his third try against Boston — matching up against Beckett each time — since signing an \$82.5 million, five-year free-agent deal, Burnett finally proved his value against the Yankees' chief rivals. He gave up 11 runs in his first two starts against them. Burnett walked six but struck out six in 7½ innings.

Not to be outdone, Beckett gave up four hits and struck out seven in seven innings.

## AL roundup

# Rangers hit five homers, trim Angels' lead to 3½ in West

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Texas Rangers are chasing down the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels one homer at a time, and even Omar Vizquel is helping.

Vizquel drove in three runs with four hits, including his first home run since 2007, and his teammates hit four more homers, including Josh Hamilton's three-run shot, as the second-place Rangers beat the Angels 11-6 on Friday night.

Hank Blalock, Michael Young and Taylor Teagarden also connected for the Rangers, who trimmed the Angels' division lead to 3½ games by chasing starter Joe Saunders in the second inning and battering three relievers for 15 hits. Texas has hit 25 homers against the Angels this season while winning eight of the 10 meetings.

"We hit the ball hard, and that wakes up the team a little bit," said Vizquel, whose club lost three of four to last-place Oakland earlier in the week. "We raised the level of our game against these guys. ... I was happy I got a home run. I didn't want to leave without hitting one this year. It's always nice to hit one, to know that you can still hit one out of the ballpark."

Every starter except Andruw Jones got a hit for the Rangers, who increased their major league-leading total to 168 homers. They connected three times in the fifth inning, when Vizquel's fly ball found the short right-field porch for the 42-year-old infielder's first homer since Sept. 30, 2007.

Scott Feldman (11-4) recovered from a shaky first inning to pitch six strong innings for the Rangers, who lost the AL West lead to Los Angeles four weeks ago.

Maicer Izturis hit a three-run homer and tied his career high with four RBIs for the Angels, who trailed 9-1 by the fifth inning of a rocky homestand opener. Los Angeles, which has lost three of four for the first time in five weeks, put Saunders (9-7) on the disabled list after the game because of shoulder tightness.

**Mariners 7, Rays 6 (11):** Late-game replacement Ryan Langerhans hit a two-run homer off Tampa Bay closer J.P. Howell (6-3) in the 11th inning for host Seattle, which trailed 5-1 in the seventh. Langerhans, acquired on June 28 from Washington, had his first career game-ending hit and snapped Tampa Bay's three-game winning streak.

**Tigers 10, Twins 8:** Miguel Cabrera and Alex Avila homered in

host Detroit's six-run first inning. It was Avila's first major league homer, and the son of Tigers vice president and assistant general manager Al Avila finished with two hits and four RBIs in his second game in the big leagues. Placido Polanco had four hits and drove in a run for Detroit.

Joe Mauer homered, knocked in three runs and had four hits for the Twins. Denard Span had four hits.

**Orioles 7, Blue Jays 5:** At Toronto, Nolan Reimold had two RBIs to help rookie right-hander Jason Berken win for the first time since May 26. Berken (2-9) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

**Athletics 9, Royals 4:** At Kansas City, Vin Mazzaro (3-8) ended his eight-game losing streak, and Cliff Pennington had his first career three-hit game for Oakland.

**Indians 6, White Sox 2:** At Chicago, Kelly Shoppach hit a two-run homer and a solo shot to lead Cleveland.

White Sox starter Mark Buehrle (11-6) continued to struggle after his perfect game against Tampa Bay on July 23. Buehrle allowed six runs and 11 hits in 7½ innings. He is 0-3 with a 8.35 ERA since his perfect game.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Texas' Omar Vizquel celebrates his solo home run in the Rangers' 11-6 victory over the Los Angeles Angels in Anaheim, Calif., on Friday night. Vizquel might have been justified in strutting a bit: it was the infielder's first homer since Sept. 30, 2007.



## Blue Jays tip Orioles on Lind's hit in 10th

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Adam Lind hit a one-out double in the 10th inning to score the winning run, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-2 on Saturday.

Joe Inglett opened the inning with a single off Danys Baez (4-6) and, after he was forced out at second on a bunt by Marco Scutaro, Aaron Hill singled just beyond the outstretched glove of second baseman Ty Wigginton. Lind followed with a double off the wall in left.

The victory snapped the Blue Jays' three-game losing streak. The Orioles lost for the 16th time in 22 games since the All-Star break.

Wigginton entered the game in the ninth as a pinch hitter for Robert Andino, who had replaced starter Brian Roberts in the third. Roberts left because of a left shin contusion.

Toronto put the winning run in scoring position in the ninth, but Baez got Edwin Encarnacion and Raul Chavez on fielder's-choice grounders, sending the game to extra innings.

Nick Markakis doubled off the base of the left-field wall on Brian Tallet's first pitch of the 10th, but didn't advance. Tallet left after striking out Aubrey Huff, and Jason Frasier (6-2) got Nolan Reimold and Melvin Mora on ground outs.

Making just his third start, Orioles rookie Chris Tillman went a career-high 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings, allowing two runs and four hits. The right-hander walked three and struck out four.

Toronto took the lead in the second on a two-run homer by Alex Rios, his 14th of the season and second in as many days. Baltimore tied it in the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Huff and Reimold.

Toronto left-hander Brett Cecil left in the fifth after injuring his left knee trying to field a bunt single by Andino. The rookie allowed two runs and five hits in 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings, walked three and struck out two. He was replaced by Tallet.

The Orioles loaded the bases with one out in the sixth, but Tallet got Matt Wieters to pop to short and escaped when Cesar Izturis fled out to center. Tallet stranded two more runners in the seventh, getting Reimold to ground out with runners at second and third.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: THE STEROID SCANDAL

At most, MLB says, only 96 of the 104 names on the 2003 list failed drug tests. And the players' union says 13 of those are in dispute.

# Not all on list tested positive

By RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Ortiz thinks legal supplements and vitamins likely caused him to land on a list of alleged drug users circulated by the federal government, and Major League Baseball and the players' union said some names on it never tested positive for steroids.

MLB said in a statement Saturday that, at most, 96 urine samples tested positive in the 2003 survey — and the players' union said 13 of those were in dispute.

The government seized the samples and records the following year from baseball's drug-testing companies as part of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative investigation into Barry Bonds and others. The list of 104 players said to have tested positive, attached to a grand jury subpoena, is part of a five-year legal fight, with the union trying to force the government to return what federal agents took during raids.

"I definitely was a little bit careless back in those days when I was buying supplements and vitamins over the counter — legal supplements, legal vitamins over the counter — but I never buy steroids or use steroids," Ortiz said during a news conference that began about 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours before his Boston Red Sox played the New York Yankees.

"I never thought that buying supplements and vitamins, it was going to hurt anybody's feelings."

The New York Times reported last month that Ortiz and Manny Ramirez were on the 2003 list and said in June that Sammy Sosa was on it. In February, Sports Illustrated reported Alex Rodriguez was on the list, and Rodriguez later admitted using Primobolan from 2001-03.

Ortiz said that when he met with union general counsel Michael Weiner in 2004, he wasn't told he tested positive for steroids. Weiner, who has been designated to succeed union head Donald Fehr, said that because the list is under court seal, the union can't confirm to Ortiz that he tested positive, only that he was on the list.



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

**The Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz said Saturday during a news conference that he thinks legal supplements and vitamins likely caused him to land on baseball's 2003 list of alleged drug users.**

"I want to apologize to fans for the distraction, my teammates, our manager," said Ortiz, flanked by Weiner, with Boston manager Terry Francona standing behind and to the side. "This past week has been a nightmare to me."

Some players past and present — notably Hall of Famer Hank Aaron — have called for the list to be released.

"Sure, there are some people who say, 'Why don't we just get this story over with and get the list out?'" Weiner said. "I think to do that would 1) be illegal, and 2) be wrong. It's illegal because it's covered by court order, and it would be wrong because a promise was made by the commissioner's office and the union to every player who was tested in 2003 that the results would be anonymous."

Ortiz is against the list becoming public.

"I don't think that I would really like to see another player going through what I've been through

this past week," he said.

Ortiz said he has tested negative about 15 times since baseball's program with penalties began in 2004 and additional times for the World Baseball Classic. The Red Sox issued a statement backing him.

"There are substantial uncertainties and ambiguity surrounding the list of 104 names," the Red Sox said. "David Ortiz is a team leader, and his contributions on the field and in the community have earned him respect and a special place in the hearts of Red Sox Nation."

Ortiz said the report that he was on the list weighed on him — since it came out July 30, he is batting .188 with two homers and six RBIs, part of a season-long slump.

"This past week, I've been really confused and frustrated," he said. "I started looking for answers, and nobody gives me an answer."

Citing court orders, Weiner wouldn't say whether the union asked courts to authorize an investigation into the leaks, which it claims are illegal.

Weiner did say that if the union wins the legal fight to have the records returned, it likely would comply with requests from players on the list to tell them what they were said to have used.

"Given the uncertainties inherent in the list, we urge the press and the public to use caution in reaching conclusions based on leaks of names, particularly from sources whose identities are not revealed," Major League Baseball said in a statement.

Three U.S. District Courts have sided with the union, saying the material must be returned by the government. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the prosecutors, but that decision was thrown out and 11 judges from the 9th Circuit heard arguments last December. A decision is pending.

Weiner said Ortiz had been put in a difficult position.

"His reputation has been called into question. He does not know specifically why. And he can't get the information that would allow him to offer a full explanation," Weiner said.

The survey was designed to determine whether baseball needed mandatory random drug testing and penalties starting in 2004, with a 5 percent threshold for positives triggering testing. Although the number of 2003 positives was subject to dispute, the sides never worked that out because they agreed the percentage did not cross the threshold.

"Substantial scientific questions exist as to the interpretation of some of the 2003 test results," Weiner said. "The more definitive methods that are utilized by the lab that administers the current drug agreement were not utilized by the lab responsible for the anonymous testing program in 2003. The collective bargaining parties did not pursue definitive answers regarding these inconclusive results, since those answers were unnecessary to the administration of the 2003 program."

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# That was then, this is now for New Orleans' Hargrove

## Recovering alcoholic putting some order in his life

BY BRETT MARTEL  
The Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — Anthony Hargrove's friends thought he was asking for trouble — once again — when he rejoined the NFL in New Orleans, of all places.

Hargrove doesn't hide that he is a recovering alcoholic, and he recently served a year-long NFL suspension for being a three-time violator of the league's substance-abuse policy.

So when the 6-foot-3, 295-pound defensive lineman resumed his football career in the home of Mardi Gras revelry, French Quarter bars that stay open all night, and drive-through daiquiri stands, some saw it as a dubious decision. "This is the last place you'd think I'd want to go," Hargrove said. "People were like, 'Man, you could get alcohol anywhere.' And I'm like, 'I don't have to drink it.'"

Saints coaches often say they put a premium on character, that they look for studious players who minimize mistakes on the field and don't cause disruptions off of it. So their decision to sign Hargrove, who flunked out of Georgia Tech before entering the 2004 draft, also was a curious one.

"The thing that impressed me most when we talked to him, knowing all the problems, it wasn't that he said, 'I'm going to do better.' He had a plan of how he was going to do better," defensive line coach Bill Johnson said after practice Friday. "He had a plan of how he was going to live his life. He's got a routine and he's worked hard to change his life. And bless his heart, I'm so proud of him it's unbelievable."

Drafted in the third round by

St. Louis, Hargrove made significant strides in his football career during his second season, in which he started 15 games. His 6½ sacks ranked second on the club.

Early in the 2006 season, though, he lost his starting job after skipping two days of practice and meetings. Soon after, he was traded to Buffalo for a 2007 fifth-round draft pick.

The outgoing Hargrove was a popular special-teams contributor and backup defensive end in Buffalo, and might have rebuilt his career there had he not gotten in trouble again.

In August 2007, he was arrested following a fight outside of a Rochester, N.Y., night club, and it didn't help that he broke an officer's glasses. That resulted in a \$300 fine and an order to perform community service after he pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. He was reinstated two months later, but the NFL announced in January 2008 that he'd be suspended a year for another violation of league policy. To get back in the league, he's had to pass drug tests for a year. He also gets regular counseling.

"Honestly, I wish I would have learned sooner or understood it, but, you know, it's part of growing up," Hargrove, 26, said after a recent Saints practice. "Some of us mature very fast. Some of us, it takes time."

Johnson said he prefers to think of Hargrove as a success story, given his trying childhood in a tough neighborhood in Brooklyn, N.Y.

By the time Hargrove was 9, his father had died in a fire and his mother had died of AIDS. He was homeless at times and in fos-

ter care at others before being adopted by an aunt.

"I had some things as a child that wasn't taught to me, so I was kind of learning on the run ... making some bad decisions and getting maybe too many free passes," Hargrove said. "Finally, when the law of the land came down on me, I was kind of forced to make a decision, but I had to realize I had to keep that decision. It wasn't one of those things where I'm going to do it today, but not tomorrow."

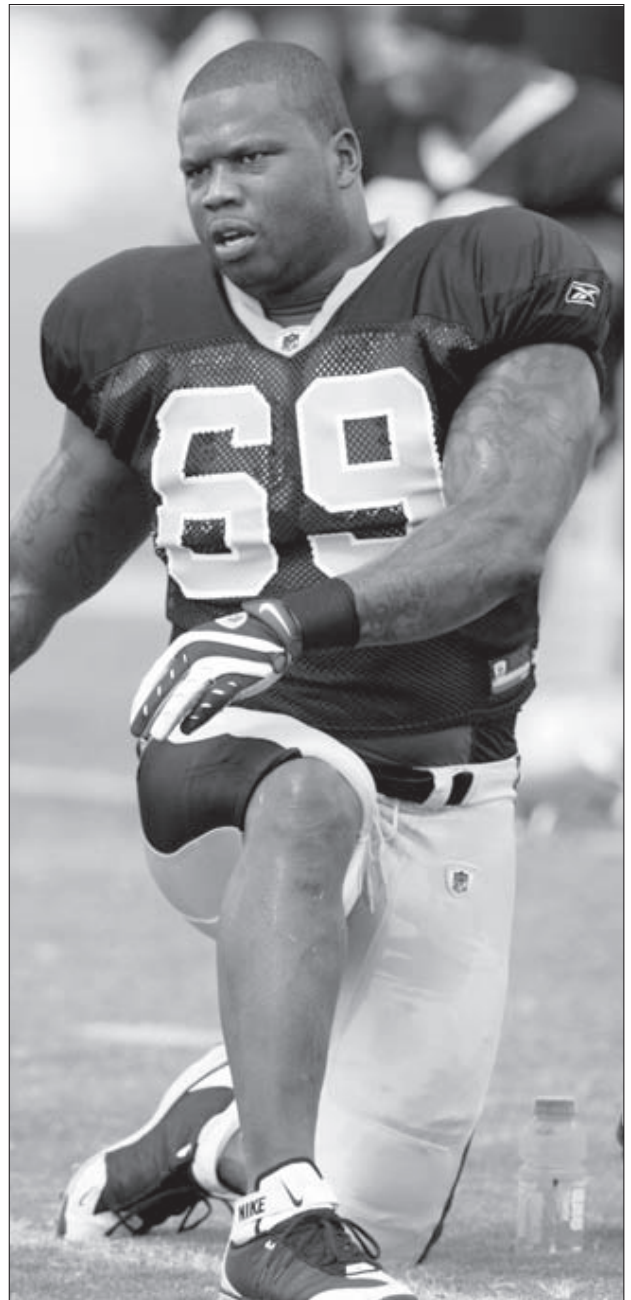
From a professional standpoint, Hargrove had practical reasons to choose New Orleans. For one, Johnson had confidence in him, having supervised a workout when Hargrove was leaving Georgia Tech and Johnson was an assistant with the Atlanta Falcons.

"His measurables were very impressive and they haven't changed," Johnson said. "He's a tremendous athlete. If you just watch him, he's explosive. He's got a tremendous desire to be good."

"He's doing well," Saints head coach Sean Payton said. "He's in real good shape. He's active. He's disruptive. He's a pain to block."

New Orleans coaches are pulling for Hargrove partly because they could use his help, partly because they like the idea of giving a recovering substance abuser a chance to succeed, and partly because they like him.

"Take football out of it," Johnson said. "He and I have gone out to dinner and not said a word about football. He's a pretty neat guy. He's smart, you know? Instead of being mad about all the things he's had to go through, I think he's thankful."



BILL HABER/AP

**Saints DE Anthony Hargrove, who was suspended by the NFL, had to pass drug tests for a year before he could get reinstated.**

## USFJ-AFL

# Defense, special teams put Foster in title game

## Bulldogs return two interceptions for TDs

BY DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Defense and special teams ruled the evening as the Foster Bulldogs became the first Okinawa team to reach the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League title game since 2003.

Anthony Williams and Daniel Ramirez each returned interceptions for touchdowns, Tim Grant blocked a punt into the end zone where Adam Lashley fell on it for another TD, and Ky Gregory booted two field goals as Foster beat Torii 25-7 in Saturday's

### Playoffs

Saturday, July 18

Game 1-Torii 12, Kadena 6, 4 OT

Game 2-Yokota 44, Misawa 12

Saturday, Aug. 1

Game 3-Yokota 18, Yokosuka 12

Game 4-Torii vs. Foster at McDonald Stadium, Kadena Air Base, ppd., lack of field

Saturday, Aug. 8

Game 4-Foster 25, Torii 7

Saturday, Aug. 15 or Aug. 22

Torii Bowl

Game 5-Yokota vs. Foster at McDonald Stadium, Kadena Air Base, 6 p.m.

semifinal at McDonald Stadium.

"Defense is the heart and soul of our team," defensive captain Tim Craig said. "Offense wins ballgames. Defense wins championships."

"They did their thing," coach Auburne Edwards said, citing Craig, Grant and Manny Garza

as players who "stepped up. They had a plan; they had it working. Outstanding job."

That defense forced five turnovers, recorded three sacks and held the Wolfpack to 32 rushing yards. Only a late 54-yard scoring pass from Adam Edmondson to Chris Speed kept it from being a shutout.

Ramirez began the pickoff parade, with a 13-yard interception return 4:31 into the game. Gregory's 29-yard field goal 9:21 before halftime preceded Grant's punt block at the Torii 4-yard line.

"The previous time they punted, I spotted something. I hesitated, but told myself next time I'd go for it. I saw it again, and I took advantage," Grant said.

Gregory kicked another field

goal 4:34 into the second half to make it 19-0. Speed's long TD catch gave the Wolfpack life with 7:11 remaining, but Williams snuffed it out with a 36-yard interception return.

Terry Brawner was 7-for-18 for 73 yards, Jamar Jarrell ran 12 times for a team-leading 60 yards, and Johnny Jean-Francois had two drive-snuffing interceptions for Foster. Corey Moore had four catches for 61 yards.

Adam Edmondson, subbing for injured starter Jordan Frank, was 8-for-24 for 194 yards. Speed had two catches for 90 yards, Robert Prince had two catches for 55, and Reginald Thomas and West Point veteran Rick Angle each intercepted Brawner passes.

"We made a lot of mistakes. We

aided them. Turnover after turnover after turnover," Torii coach Darell Keith said. "They (Foster) know how to capitalize on mistakes, they keep the momentum, and they execute. I wish them well" in the Torii Bowl.

"We hope to give them a good game. We're excited about coming to play for the championship," Yokota coach Herb Fletcher said.

The Torii Bowl will be the first time an Okinawa team plays a mainland Japan team for the title. The Okinawa Giants qualified for the Torii Bowl in 2001 and 2003, but those games were canceled — 2001 because of the Sept. 11 attacks and 2003 due to duty and scheduling conflicts.

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## NFL briefs

# Court date set for Burress arraignment

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former New York Giants star Plaxico Burress will be arraigned later this month on a weapons charge for shooting himself in the thigh at a New York City nightclub.

He will appear in court Aug. 20.

Burress was indicted Monday on two counts of criminal possession of a weapon and one count of reckless endangerment. He faces a minimum prison sentence of 3½ years if convicted.

Burress' lawyer says he's disappointed but not surprised by the indictment. Burress testified before the grand jury and expressed remorse.

Burress was at the Latin Quarter nightclub on Nov. 29 when an unlicensed gun tucked into his waistband slipped down his leg and fired, shooting him in the right thigh.

## Lions' Cook will miss season

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Detroit Lions backup offensive tackle Damion Cook will undergo season-ending surgery to repair a triceps injury.

Cook is a five-year veteran who signed with the Lions before last season and played in seven games. He started four at guard in place of the injured Edwin Mulitalo.

## Chargers rookie Vasquez misses another day

SAN DIEGO — Chargers rookie guard Louis Vasquez has missed another day of practice with an injury that is forcing him to wear a boot on his left foot.

Neither the Chargers nor Vasquez will say what the injury is.

Coach Norv Turner said after Friday morning's practice that he



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

**Former New York Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress will be in court Aug. 20 for an arraignment on a charge of criminal possession of a weapon.**

didn't have an update.

Vasquez, who is competing for the starting spot at right guard, apparently was hurt during a practice at Qualcomm Stadium on Wednesday night.

## Suspect in NFL slaying no longer to withdraw plea

MIAMI — The only suspect to plead guilty so far in the slaying of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor told a judge Friday he is abandoning an effort to withdraw his plea.

Venjah Hunte, 21, made the decision after a private meeting with his attorney and his mother, who burst into loud sobs when he was led into the courtroom by jail personnel.

At a brief hearing, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Dennis Murphy asked Hunte if he still insisted on pursuing his motion to withdraw

guilty pleas to second-degree murder and burglary charges.

"No sir, we're not going to go forward," Hunte replied.

Hunte had claimed he did not fully understand the requirements of his plea deal, in which he agreed to testify against his four co-defendants in exchange for a 29-year prison sentence. If he had gone to trial, Hunte would have faced life behind bars.

## Vegas casino sues Broncos' Jordan over \$20K debt

LAS VEGAS — A Las Vegas Strip casino has sued Denver Broncos running back LaMont Jordan over \$20,000 in gambling debts plus interest.

Lawyers for The Mirage hotel-casino filed the lawsuit Thursday in Clark County District court and said Jordan applied for six gambling markers in June 2008.

The lawsuit says that when the check-like markers were deposited, they were returned because of insufficient funds or an inability to locate the account.

An application attached to the lawsuit shows Jordan identified himself as a football player for the Oakland Raiders.

Jordan played for Oakland from 2005 through 2007, and played for New England last year.

## Steelers' Stapleton out at least two weeks

LATROBE, Pa. — Darnell Stapleton had surgery on his left knee Friday morning and coach Mike Tomlin said the Pittsburgh Steelers right guard will be out at least two weeks.

"The surgery was exploratory and they liked what they looked at," Tomlin said. "We'll give him a couple of weeks and see how his body responds to it."

Stapleton, a third-year player from Rutgers who started the final 12 games of the regular season and all three playoff games for the Steelers in 2008, had swelling in the knee earlier this week.

## Giants GM says Manning deal still being completed

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York Giants general manager Jerry Reese says the number of details in Eli Manning's new contract has prevented the quarterback from signing his \$97 million, six-year extension.

Reese hopes the deal will get done soon, and is not worried that the agreement will fall apart.

Manning and the Giants agreed on Wednesday to the extension that will make the quarterback the NFL's highest-paid player based average annual salary. Manning will earn \$15.3 million under the deal that will expire in 2015.

Reese said there is no timetable for completing the contract.

## Vick meets with inner-city youths near Atlanta

DECATUR, Ga. — Michael Vick visited a suburban Atlanta community center Saturday to talk to inner-city youths about how to deal with potentially violent dogs.

The former Atlanta Falcons quarterback entered the New Life Community Center through a back entrance for an event put on by the Humane Society of the United States.

## Broncos sign Moreno

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Knowshon Moreno is no longer "No-Show Moreno."

The Denver Broncos' top draft pick agreed to a five-year, \$23

million contract Friday that includes \$13 million in guarantees, ending an eight-day holdout.

Also:

■ Philadelphia Eagles rookie tight end Cornelius Ingram suffered a torn ACL in his left knee and is likely out for the season. The team said an MRI scan taken Saturday revealed the injury he sustained on Tuesday.

■ Defensive end Tyson Jackson signed a contract with the Kansas City Chiefs in time to practice with the teams Friday afternoon. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

■ Fifth-year Seattle Seahawks center Chris Spencer left Friday morning's practice on the back of a cart injuring his left ankle in a pileup at the end of a blocking drill.

■ The Cleveland Browns released veteran defensive lineman Shaun Smith.

■ Dallas Cowboys cornerback Michael Jenkins hurt his right ankle in practice Saturday morning, possibly suffering a high ankle sprain.

■ The Jacksonville Jaguars signed offensive lineman Drew Miller and waived linebacker David Holloway.

■ The Buffalo Bills signed undrafted rookie free agent defensive end Ataefiok Etukeren.

■ The Carolina Panthers signed linebacker Kelvin Smith on Friday and released long-snapper Nick Sundberg.

■ Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver DeSean Jackson hyperextended his right knee in practice Saturday. Jackson was able to put weight on his leg after practice, but the knee was wrapped.

■ The Denver Broncos placed defensive lineman J'Vonne Parker on injured reserve with a knee injury.

# Cowboys: Kitna may be key to Romo-to-Williams connection

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and we know he's capable of coming in and winning ballgames."

When Romo and Kitna aren't going through their mini-battles, they often talk about things like how to handle a certain situation or how to read a particular defense. Cowboys fans are especially hoping Kitna can teach Romo everything he needs to know to get on the same wavelength as Williams.

Put it this way: Williams caught more passes for more yards and more touchdowns from Kitna last season than he did from Romo, despite playing four games with Kitna and seven with Romo. One of Williams' best catches of training camp — leaping between two defenders to snag a pass in the end zone — was thrown by Kitna.

"The more knowledge you can gain as a quarterback, the better it is," said Romo, noting he's been a student of teammates Vinny Testaverde, Drew Bledsoe and Johnson. "Jon understands the psyche of the position. Every game is not a bed of roses. In some ways, to get out here, you need to have that ability to let things go. You also have to have the ability to learn from it, and also



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**Dallas quarterback Tony Romo, left, signs autographs for wounded soldiers Thursday after practice. Romo is the starter, but he says he has plenty to learn from Jon Kitna.**

have the ability to get a little (angry) and take it up a notch. Those are all things Jon understands and can help with."

Kitna has pretty much seen it all.

Undrafted out of college, he latched onto Seattle's practice squad, then spent a summer in the World League. He became the Seahawks' starter in 1999 and made the playoffs that year. Three bad seasons followed, then he regained his touch and was named the NFL's comeback player of the year with Cincinnati in '03. The following season, he was shoved aside and then there were more ups and downs, plus the back injury, in Detroit.

"He's been in the league for 31 years now, so it's easy for him," Romo said, scoring a point in the teasing competition. "We're very lucky to have him."

Alas, neither Kitna nor Romo would give specifics about their QB Olympics. Are they keeping count of who wins the most rounds?

"We'll keep that to ourselves also," Kitna said, laughing.

But the stakes are high. Pride is on the line.

"You get bragging rights if you win," Kitna said, "and you take it in the chin if you lose."

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## NFL TRAINING CAMPS

# That competitive urge



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Quarterbacks Tony Romo, left, and Jon Kitna, right, throw passes during drills at the Dallas Cowboys' training camp in San Antonio. Romo is the starter and Kitna is the backup, but you'd never know it the way the two compete against each other. Kitna says besides being ready to go into the game if called upon, his job is to make Romo better.

## Kitna challenging Romo, even though he knows he has no chance of earning the Cowboys' starting quarterback job

By JAIME ARON  
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO Sometimes the challenge of the day is completing the most passes in 7-on-7 drills. Sometimes it's being more accurate on a particular route.

Every day, though, Jon Kitna is challenging Tony Romo to something.

Their competitions are friendly but serious, an attempt to make each other better. The one thing they're not competing for is to be the starting quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys.

Kitna understands that is Romo's job. As the backup, Kitna figures one of his duties is keeping Romo as sharp as possible, and that is why he's always finding ways to spice up practice.

"That's what I was taught when I came into the league, from John Friesz and Warren Moon," said Kitna, who has been in the NFL since 1996. "You had to compete with each other

*"He wants to win everything he does — and I mean everything. He wants to know who can tie their shoe the fastest."*

Roy Williams

Dallas wide receiver on backup quarterback Jon Kitna

to make each other better, even though you're not competing for playing time. You want to be the guy to perform at the highest level at practice."

Then again, Kitna is all about competing.

"He wants to win everything he does — and I mean everything," said receiver Roy Williams, Kitna's teammate for 2½ seasons in Detroit. "He wants to know who can tie their shoe the fastest."

In addition to desire, Kitna still has the arm and conditioning to be a starting quarterback in the NFL. But he's

so happy to be part of a winning team, and so realistic about the job market for 36-year-old quarterbacks, that he is content with this role.

"I'll still prepare the same way as if I was starting," he said. "If that time comes, I'll be ready."

Kitna knows the drill because he's done it before.

In 2004, he went from starter to backup in Cincinnati so that Carson Palmer could take over, then had to carry a clipboard again the following year. Kitna went to Detroit in '06 because he wanted another chance to

start and threw for a career-best 4,208 yards that season.

He put up big numbers again in 2007, but the Lions were lousy. He lost seven of his last eight starts, then opened 2008 with four more losses and a back injury that ended his season. Detroit lost its remaining 12 games of '08, proving that Kitna wasn't the only problem.

The Cowboys, meanwhile, came out of last season with "find a backup quarterback" atop their to-do list after playing terribly in three games Brad Johnson filled in for Romo. Team owner Jerry Jones was so serious about it that he gave up a starter, cornerback Anthony Henry, to get a guy he hopes never takes a snap.

"We made the trade to be sure we got him," Jones said, fearing that Kitna might've signed elsewhere had the Lions released him. "He's reinforced that decision because he came in here with his good arm, live arm,

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